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FINLAND'S RESISTANCE

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Art of Camouflage Hides Batteries from The Germans

BRITISH FRONT BRISTLES WITH HIDDEN GUNS: MEN ALL READY

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS,
"Daily Telegraph" Special War Correspondent
With the B.E.F. in France

There are plenty of guns along the British front, but so cleverly are they hidden in barns, villages, and fields that the passer-by gets no hint of their presence. None has yet been fired, except one that went off accidentally the other day, to the great humiliation of the battery concerned.

But if and when it becomes needed there is artillery in sufficiency to support and protect the troops at present manning the front line positions.

The mud of the last few days resulting from the heavy rains has to some extent slowed down the process of getting the guns into position, but excellent progress has been made and the tractors and four-wheel drive lorries used to haul artillery have proved fully capable of standing up to the mud of Flanders.

The art of camouflage has improved a great deal in the last 20 years, and factors of colouring geographical background and light and shade are taken into account nowadays with far more technical knowledge than was the case in the last war.

Camouflage nets, many of them I understand woven by Scotch fisher girls, are of excellent quality and afford fine protection.

One heavy battery with long-range guns which I visited to-day was scattered around a group of farm-houses, but so well were the guns concealed that it was not until I was almost on top of them that their presence became noticeable.

Around the battery the ordinary life of the village was going on as usual. Farm carts laden with crops creaked in and out of the courtyard while dogs and children played with the gunners or accepted scraps from midday men.

But when the battery starts to fire it may become necessary to evacuate some of the local residents lest the force of the explosion damage surrounding buildings or break glass windows.

Of the heavy artillery it is perhaps wise to say little except that it is sufficiently provided and well armed.

WOMEN WILL BEAR ARMS

—Says Judge

TACOMA. — Women seeking United States citizenship were instructed by Federal Judge Lloyd Black that in event of war they "would have to bear arms, just like men."

Conducting a citizenship examination, Judge Black said: "In the past, when women have been asked if they would take up arms, many of them have said they would mainly because they felt there was not the slightest chance they would ever have to do such a thing. Times have suddenly changed."

Hitler's Film Star Friend Arrested

Leni Riefenstahl, the German film star and friend of Hitler, has been arrested by the Gestapo, says B.U.P., quoting a Paris wireless report.

Franklin Riefenstahl was chosen by Hitler to produce the official film of the Olympic Games which took place in Germany in 1936.

She is an old member of the Nazi party and has been described as one of the few women to possess Hitler's confidence. Once she said that she "grew up with the party leaders in their great ideals."

that Dr. Werner Gregor, the German Consul in Glasgow, left the city two months before the outbreak of war. "The excuse given for his departure," said Mr. Dollan, "was that he was returning to complete his military service, but many of us suspected that he was going back with a dossier of information regarding commercial and industrial activities in Glasgow and the West of Scotland."

"Dr. Gregor," added the Lord Provost, "ran at least three classes for the presumed study of the German language, but really for Nazi propaganda, and he was probably the only consul in the city who contravened the diplomatic rules by engaging in active political propaganda."

A Suspect Consul

Commenting on the allegations, Lord Provost Dollan said recently

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Czech Distrust Of Everything Nazi

AMSTERDAM. The fear of everything German that grips the Czechs is illustrated to-night by a despatch from the Prague correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraf."

Crowds of frightened mothers have in the last few days patrolled the corridors of Czech schools where the children were to be inoculated by German doctors against diphtheria. Nothing could be done to calm them.

The Czech Minister of Health issued a statement that the serum used was not a German product, but came from the State health institute. Results had been excellent in the cases of 350,000 children.

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Two Kinds Of Nazi Soldiers

THERE are two kinds of German soldiers on the Western Front—those who are fed up and those who are fanatical.

A distinguished French journalist who is a lieutenant in a front line unit said this recently.

"The ordinary Reichswehr fight without mottle," he said.

"They do just the minimum amount needed to report to their officers afterwards that orders had been carried out."

"On several occasions I attended the examination of prisoners after capture. They always answer all questions willingly but are very difficult about their units and the names of the commanding officers, where they were before, and so on."

'No' To Politics

"They will even describe accurately the employment of their machine-guns and the situation of their command, all sorts of things which they must know are valuable to us and dangerous to their own commander."

"But once you switch over to politics and try to find out what they think about the war, the Nazi regime, and things like that, these men become cautious and reluctant."

But there is also a quite different category of German soldier, he explained—the special shock troops which have been used recently by the Germans for daring reconnaissance raids and attacks.

100 Per Cent.

These are obviously 100 per cent. Nazi. They fight hard and will repeat their attacks two or three times in face of murderous fire, notwithstanding their losses.

"It is very difficult to make prisoners among them," he said. "When forced to retreat, they carry back their wounded and even their dead rather than leave them in enemy hands."

"They are recognisable by their black uniforms, so that we always know just beforehand what sort of an enemy we shall have to deal with and whether the fight will be easy and short or stubborn and long."

Complete Story of Rawalpindi's Gallant End

EPIC STORY OF FIGHT WITH GERMAN RAIDER

Bible Outsell "Mein Kampf" In Germany

The Bible is outselling "Mein Kampf" in Germany now. A private report of the Prussian Bible Society which has reached us reveals that since the Nazis came into power the sale of the Bible has outstripped Hitler's magnum opus by 200,000 a year.

Although the Bible is not encouraged, it is not definitely barred. German Protestants are re-acting more strongly against Nazi paganism.

Russian engineers are on their way to Friedrichshafen, Germany, to study methods of building Zeppelins. This confirms a report to the effect that Germany intends to try out Zeppelins for transporting oil and other goods from Russia, since she is experiencing so much difficulty in getting them by rail.

At the same time the Soviet is planning to produce 50 high-grade films during 1940. Two of these, we learn, are to be anti-Nazi.

Trouble is brewing in Hungary over Ruthenia, former section of Czechoslovakia ceded after the dismemberment.

The majority of the population is anxious to join Russia. They are being swayed by propaganda. Hungary is considering a plan to give Ruthenians a greater measure of autonomy to pacify them.

In view of her claims to Rumania's Transylvania, Hungary cannot afford to let trouble develop in a part of the country where she has a big Ruthenian minority, otherwise she would be weakening her claim to the Rumanian territory where there is also a Rumanian minority.

Fashionable women of Berlin and other German cities are being asked by the authorities not to dress too well when out in the daytime, to avoid the criticism that they are "unpatriotically dressed."

Mounting Snake 20 Year Job

PRETORIA.—The skeleton of a reptile that lived in the middle Permian period 220 million years ago has been mounted in the Transvaal Museum. The work of mounting the skull, 26 vertebrae, shoulder girdle and the right hind leg has taken 20 years.

Air Recruits in Quebec

MONTREAL.—Recruiting for the Royal Canadian Air Force is under way in Quebec Province. A new call has been issued for skilled technical men in almost a dozen fields, and the recruits are being signed on at recruiting offices in Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec City.

THE following is the complete text of the Admiralty account of the fight between the Rawalpindi and the German warships:—

The armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi, manned by merchant seamen, reservists and pensioners of the Royal Navy, and by men of the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, was forming a part of the Northern Patrol, by which the contraband control of German trade is enforced. This duty is particularly arduous on account of the long, dark nights and severe cold, and required for its performance large vessels of good sea-keeping qualities, capable of enduring the frequent storms.

At 3.30 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday, November 23, when cruising to the south-east of Iceland, she sighted an enemy ship. Captain Kennedy, having examined this vessel through his glasses, said "It's the Deutschland all right," and the crew were immediately ordered to action stations. Course was altered to bring the enemy on the starboard quarter. Smokefloats were lit and cast into the water to enable the Rawalpindi to escape. However, a second enemy ship was soon seen to starboard.

The Deutschland, approaching, signalled to the Rawalpindi to stop, and when she continued her course fired a shot across her bows. As this warning was rejected, the first salvo was fired by the 11th guns of the Deutschland a little after 3.45 p.m. at a range of 10,000 yards. The Rawalpindi replied with all her four starboard 6in. guns.

The third salvo from the Deutschland put out all the lights and broke the electric winches of the ammunition supply. The fourth salvo shot away the whole of the bridge and wireless room.

Ship In Flames

Both the German ships were now closing rapidly, and by this time the second had gone round the Rawalpindi's stern and was firing from the port side. The Rawalpindi maintained the fight until every gun was put out of action and the whole ship ablaze except the foremast and the poop.

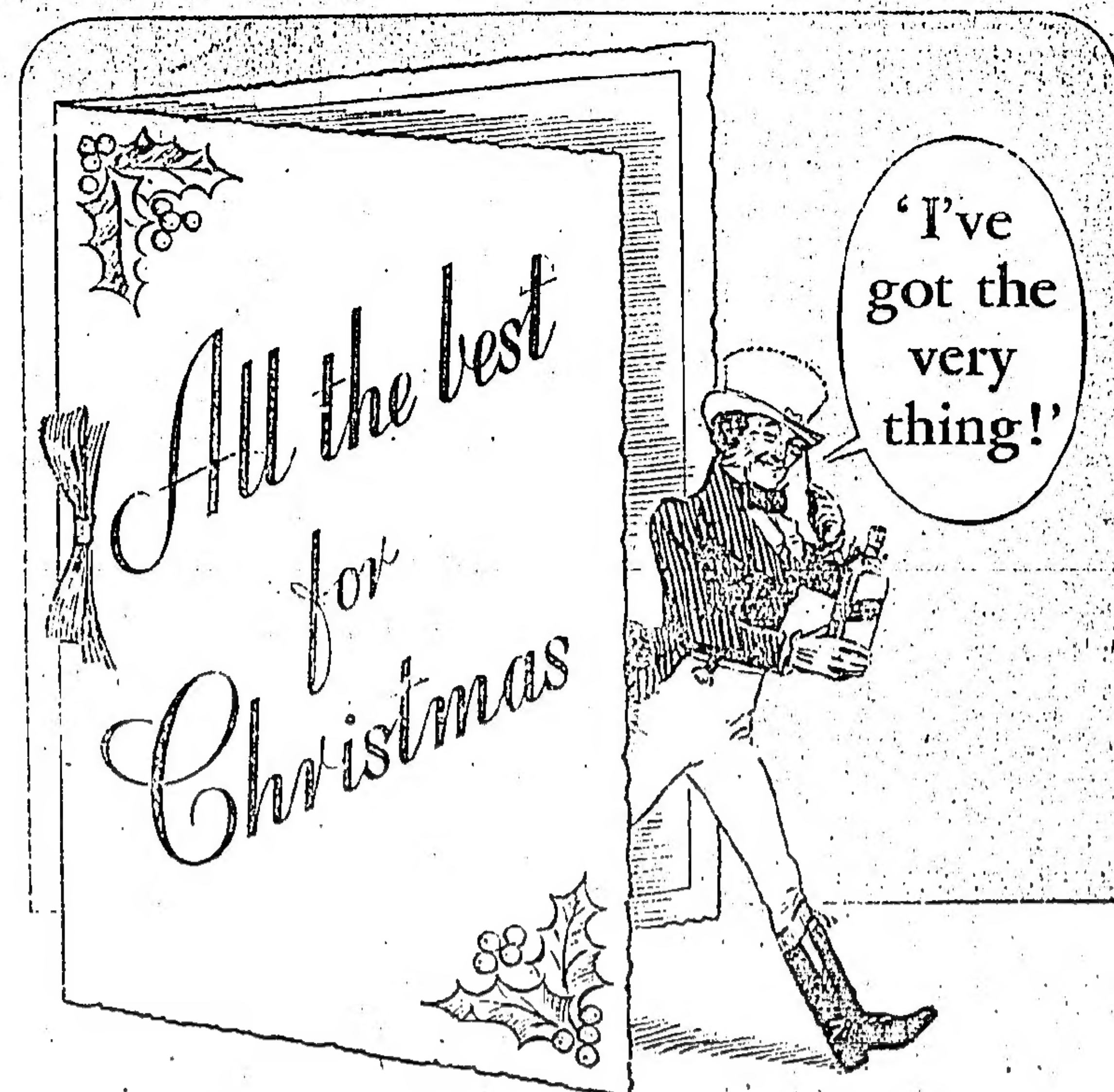
After about 30 to 40 minutes of this unequal combat, about 4.15 to 4.25 p.m., the enemy ceased firing, and three boats which were not shattered by shell-fire, one of which became waterlogged, were lowered. Two of these boats, containing over 30 men, were, it is believed, picked up by one of the German ships.

The 11 survivors, who have been brought in by the Chitral, swam to the water-logged lifeboat and would probably have been picked up but for the fact that at about 6.15 p.m. the approach of a British cruiser caused the enemy to immediately withdraw. The Rawalpindi continued to burn amidsthips until 8 o'clock, when she turned turtle to starboard and foundered with all remaining hands.

Meanwhile the British cruiser attempted to shadow the German ships, but in a sudden heavy rainstorm and the darkness of the night they made their escape from the scene.

This account is given from the narratives of the 11 survivors picked up from the water-logged boat by the Chitral, and is, of course, subject to correction in detail. It is, however, sufficient to show that the Rawalpindi made a most gallant fight against overwhelming odds, and went down with her colours flying.

The search for the two enemy warships is continuing in tempestuous weather both by night and in the brief hours of daylight.



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CONCESSION TO NEUTRALS

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, said in the House of Commons to-day that it was sufficient at present to prevent goods of enemy origin reaching the overseas destinations as the Government was anxious to cause as little loss and inconvenience to neutrals as possible.

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Royal Family At Windsor Funeral

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The King and Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and other members of the Royal Family, to-day attended the funeral of Princess Louise, who was buried at St. George's Chapel at Windsor.

GAS MASKS FOR ALL SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Sweden continues to take precautionary measures and the Government to-day ordered its first batch of 500,000 gas masks.

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NAZIS BUY OIL BUT CAN'T TRANSPORT IT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 12 (UP).—Oil experts revealed to-day that Rumania has more oil on hand for Germany than the Nazis can possibly move under present transportation difficulties. As a result, German pressure to-day is greater on Rumanian railroad authorities than on the oil producers.

There is a great shortage of oil being on the Danube, while at the same time there is a greater shortage of rolling stock. At present very little oil is leaving Rumania by way of the Black Sea because there are few tankers available.

Nazis Complete Purchases

One of Rumania's largest tankers was sunk by the British Channel a few weeks ago, and since then fewer tankers have left for distant ports. The greater bulk of supplies on hand has already been sold. Germany has already purchased her allotted portion and is determined to ship it at the earliest possible moment. Although Rumanian authorities do not relish Berlin's insistence, they are doing their utmost to meet the Reich halfway.

Finland Holds Red Advance

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the Karelian Isthmus to the centre of Finland, where the Russians are trying to drive a wedge to split the country in half.

Very heavy fighting is proceeding on the whole front around the pleasure resort of Suomussalmi and further north near Kuopio.

The Russians are reported to have a very large force here and the Finns are rushing up reinforcements.

It is unofficially reported that Finnish planes to-day bombed and destroyed 12 miles of railway in the outskirts of Murnansk.

Weather Takes Heavy Toll
HELSINKI, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An official announcement states that so far three out of four Soviet casualties have been caused by cold and exposure.

Violent Fighting
ROME, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Rome circles following the fighting in Finland with great interest.

It is stated here that the Soviet attacks have been extended over the whole eastern front and fighting has been very violent during the past 24 hours.

Finnish Communique
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A Finnish communique states that there was severe fighting in the whole line of the Karelian Isthmus, and especially fierce in the Muela village.

The enemy made several attacks, all of which were repulsed. "The enemy left hundreds of dead in front of our lines. Several enemy tanks were destroyed."

"The enemy made several attempts to break through the eastern frontier. Great Battle

"A great battle was fought at Tolvaneeri.

"Our troops captured 52 machine guns and other war materials. "Three battalions of the enemy infantry were annihilated and several tanks put out of action."

"Enemy attacks on Lilomäki, supported by heavy artillery, were repulsed."

"Fighting continues in the northern sector of the eastern front."

"Enemy planes bombed Hyytiälä and some islands in the Gulf of Finland with no result."

"Our air-force bombed and machine-gunned the enemy lines and marching columns of troops."

Brief Soviet Communique
MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—To-day's Soviet war communique was again brief.

It reports progress north of Lake Ladoga, but the bottle-neck between the north shore of Lake Ladoga and the chain of small lakes where the Finns have three prepared defensive lines is still not penetrated.

Russian troops apparently are still held up upon the Karelian Isthmus. Observers in Moscow suspect that the Red Army has attempted to rush deep into the Finnish defences without adequate artillery preparation.

The Channel Tunnel
Calais-Dover Project Resurrected

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Channel tunnel scheme has been revived, this time in the French Chamber of Deputies.

The Minister of Public Works described the construction of the tunnel as an international necessity which should be one of the first works undertaken when the war was over.

The idea first came up about the middle of the last century, and even to-day the abandoned preliminary tunnels may be seen on either side of the Channel.

The Minister also announced that the Government had decided to take in hand the construction of the first section of the trans-Sahara tunnel.

Insidious Propaganda

Nazis Active In Balkans Practice Bribery And Corruption

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A description of Nazi propaganda in South-East Europe is given by a Balkan correspondent of the "Times."

This propaganda, he writes, operates on a large scale. Large numbers of Nazi-financed newspapers are to be found in the Danubian and Balkan countries, and these papers, although they have small circulations and poor advertising, miraculously manage to put up large buildings and purchase expensive printing equipment.

There are over 60 of them. Although the German Travel Agency in that area is not a busy place, it employs some 600 people.

Newspapers Bribe
Influence is brought to bear on the other sections of the Press, and even bribery is being resorted to in an attempt to get positions in papers for news favourable to Germany.

The dissemination of propaganda through the post is widely used. During the Polish campaign, mysterious post-cards arrived in Rumania telling of the "injustice" of the Allied entry into the war and denying the bombing of open towns.

False Rumours
Bucharest cafes are happy hunting grounds for what appears to be a vast organisation engaged solely in spreading false rumours.

German diplomatic circles are busy in the same manner.

The Nazi Legation loses no opportunity to make violent protests against anti-Nazi incidents on the pretext that such incidents threaten the country's neutrality.

BRITAIN'S TASK

**Mr. Eden Emphasises
Its Immenseness**

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Nothing could be more foolish than to underestimate the task that Britain has undertaken, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Secretary for the Dominions, addressing the Canadian Club at a luncheon in London.

Mr. Eden added: "I don't believe that at any time in history we have had more serious difficulties to overcome, but if that is true, it is no less true that in the unity of the nations of the British Commonwealth is the final guarantee of victory."

British Empire's Might
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, speaking during a visit to the munition works, said that at no time had the might of the British Empire been greater or its fighting forces better and more adequately equipped.

From September 3 to December 5, the Ministry had placed new orders amounting to £2,300,000,000.

Britain now had the most powerful air force in the world.

Action On The West Front

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A communique says that during the night there were sharp encounters in the region between the Sarre and the Forest of Warndt.

During the day there had been yet another engagement as well as artillery duels in the same region. Our outposts everywhere remained intact.

R.A.F. RELEASE ACTOR FOR PLAY

On the night of "Judgment Day" Mr. Ronald Adam, the actor-manager, was called up by the R.A.F.

But because his withdrawal at the last moment would have thrown the play into chaos, the R.A.F. authorities gave him six days' leave "to get the play launched."

In the last war he was a flight lieutenant, and was shot down by the enemy.

"Judgment Day," the play based on the Reichstag fire trial, opened at the Phoenix Theatre recently. Mr. Adam has the part of one of the People's Party conspirators, accused of attempted assassination of the dictator.

One of the famous children's Christmas plays, "Where the Rainbow Ends," is to go on at the Holborn Empire after all this year. It will open on December 22. It has been played in London every Christmas, with the exception of 1917 and 1918. Charles Hawtrey first produced it at the Savoy Theatre, in 1911.

TRAGIC WARSAW

Correspondent's
Grim Picture

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An American correspondent has given a tragic picture of Warsaw to-day.

Some 75 per cent. of the buildings were completely destroyed or damaged by relentless bombings. The walls of some buildings are now being pulled down and those which are still fit for human habitation add to the ghastly appearance of the city because their windows are all boarded up or patched with glass from picture frames.

There is rubbish in the streets and the pavements have been torn up in places.

Living "By Permission"

In wet weather even walking in the streets is difficult. There are long queues waiting outside the various offices giving permission for this or that, for life in Warsaw to-day is "by permission" only.

Prices of food have gone up three to six times, and only a short while ago a loaf of bread cost eight shillings.

Curfew is at 7 p.m. after which hour only Nazi soldiers may be seen on the darkened streets.

BRITAIN'S SUPREMACY

Successes Recounted
In The Commons

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Reviewing the progress of air warfare, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons to-day, said that our fighter squadrons, regular and auxiliary, had taken a heavy toll of such enemy as had tried to cross our air defences, and they could justifiably claim a definite superiority in our aircraft over the Germans.

Our Hurricanes and Spitfires had been in contact with Dornier, Junkers and Heinkel bombers in turn and there could be no doubt that they possessed a decisive margin of advantage.

Superior Fighters

Sir Kingsley added that even more encouraging was the knowledge of the superiority they had shown over German fighters.

The Coastal Command had tried out attacks on submarines on 57 occasions, and in 19 cases they were successful, that substantial damage had been caused.

Supreme On Sea Also

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A special communique issued to-day dwells on the increasing completeness of the British naval supremacy.

Total losses—the Royal Oak, Courageous, two Destroyers (Gypsy and Elcho) and one submarine—amount to 55,049 tons displacement.

Other losses were the Rawalpindi and four small minesweepers amounting to 18,396 tons gross.

These are amply compensated by the enormous naval construction programme, further increased since the outbreak of war—nearly 1,000,000 tons of warship under construction and many nearly completed, while the anti-submarine forces are already more than trebled.

German Anxiety

German anxiety resulting from these facts is indicated by the recent boast that the German Navy is strongly reinforced by the incorporation of the Austrian Danube Flotilla.

It would appear that the Nazis have no better topic for boasting than the addition of river patrol vessels and a few motor launches designed solely for river work.

BREMEN'S ESCAPE

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law saved the giant German liner, Bremen.

The Bremen, it will be recalled, left New York three days before war was declared and managed to get through to the Soviet Arctic port of Murmansk, since when nothing has been heard of her.

To-day, however, the Admiralty announced that a British submarine had sighted her homeward bound.

Within Torpedo Range

The Bremen passed within torpedo range but the submarine was prevented by international law from torpedoing her without warning.

The Bremen, it is learned, was sighted in the morning.

International law forbids the sinking of merchant ships unless all the people aboard can first be placed in a place of safety, and open boats in an open sea are not places of safety.

The submarine obviously could not take all those in the Bremen aboard. It also could not capture the Bremen which has a far higher turn of speed.

Safe In Nazi Port?
BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Bremen has safely reached a German port.

ULTIMATUM REJECTED

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denying Russia, but how many guns the Finns can acquire.

Not Barred By Act

Finland needs aeroplanes and ammunition.

The fighting there is not a war within the meaning of the present Neutrality Act, and the United States is not barred under the Johnson Act which forbids loans to countries defaulting on their War Debts from making loans to Finland.

The United States hopes that ways will be found to give prompt aid where it is most needed.

League Appeal Rejected

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—According to the Paris radio, the Russian reply received at Geneva rejects the League's appeal for a cessation of hostilities against Finland.

ARMY DISSATISFIED WITH THE CABINET

(Continued from Page 7.)

It should be preceded by the question of guarantee.

Competent observers understand that State Department authorities regard the December 4 conversations as a good start for an adjustment of relations.—Domei.

Newspaper Cautions

Shanghai, Dec. 12. The Tairiku Shimpou, commenting on the proposed Japan-United States negotiations, says it cannot be guaranteed that the United States appreciates Japan's efforts towards adjustment of relations.

Japan should not be a victim of wishful thinking. Washington reports indicate strong opinion in the United States favouring readjustment of relations.

At the same time this friendly feeling may not compare with the wave of anti-Japanese feeling prevailing in the country.

The paper expresses doubt that even a temporary agreement could be concluded between the two countries.

It says that Japanese-American friendship could not be reached as long as the United States treats Far Eastern questions in a self-assuring attitude without regarding the needs of other countries. A fundamental adjustment of relations will be difficult as long as the situation remains as it is.—United Press.

More Promising Outlook

Tokyo, Dec. 12. Japanese reports from Washington say diplomatic observers have pressure that a third interview between Mr. Joseph Grew and Admiral Nomura will be held soon.

The State Department has sent instructions to Mr. Grew.

A good start towards negotiations for adjustment of relations is believed to have been made at the Grew-Nomura talks on December 4.

It is said that the trend of public opinion in America is moving in favour of satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.

While not doubting the sincerity of Japan in desiring adjustment of relations with the United States, the State Department is believed to have emphasised that guarantees for protection of American rights and interests in China be given.

According to diplomatic observers, the United States appears to be apprehensive over the lack of full Japanese pledges, such as guarantees.

It is said that the State Department is reported to have obtained the impression at the last talk between Mr. Grew and Admiral Nomura that the Japanese Government desired to pay for the damages caused in China.

The United States, however, desired discussion of future guarantees as well as settlement of past damages.

The currency and Yangtze questions, it is reported, were not discussed between Mr. Grew and Admiral Nomura.—United Press.

Tientsin Situation

Tientsin, Dec. 12. General Homma, commanding the Japanese forces here, to-day told the press that it had been recently stated that Americans should recognise that a state of war exists on a big scale in China and that therefore, inconvenience is unavoidable.

He also declared that of the 300 Americans in Tientsin 200 have received Japanese passes and that the Japanese had done their utmost to help the Americans. However, he said their efforts to alleviate the situation have not been appreciated.

He further stated that if the American Chamber of Commerce recommends the abrogation of the 1911 Commercial Treaty, the Japanese military authorities will not be able to discriminate in favour of Americans.

His statement repeated that the American Chamber of Commerce is hostile towards Japan, which Chamber members this morning emphatically refuted. They said the Chamber has no wish to interfere with the Japanese, but that on the contrary they are trying to co-operate. They only ask to trade freely in accordance with the Treaty to which Japan is a signatory and also for the removal of the barriers which are hampering trade.—United Press.

Survey By Ambassador

Peiping, Dec. 12. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson Johnson, is leaving for Tientsin on December 15, to survey American business conditions.—United Press.

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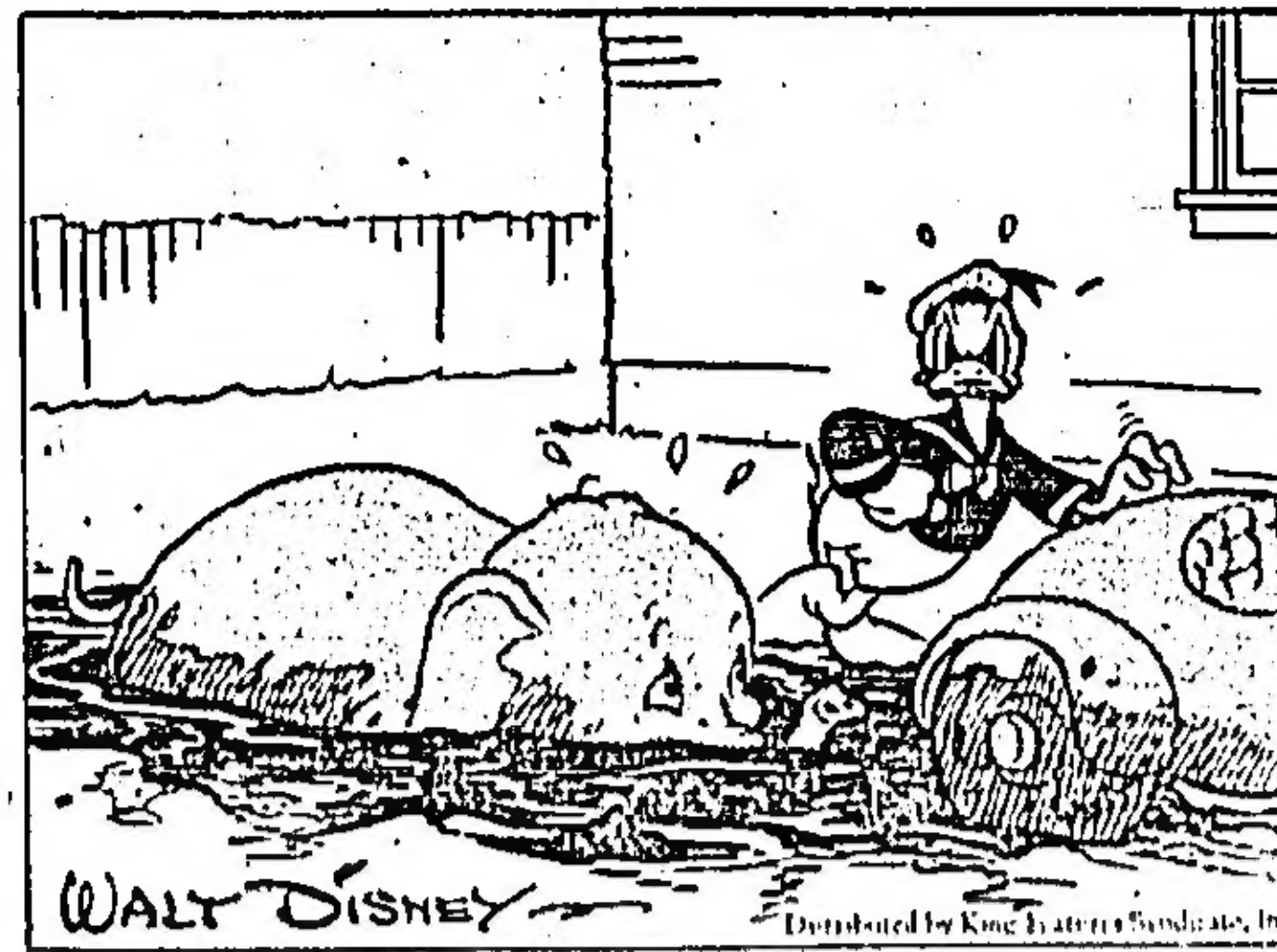
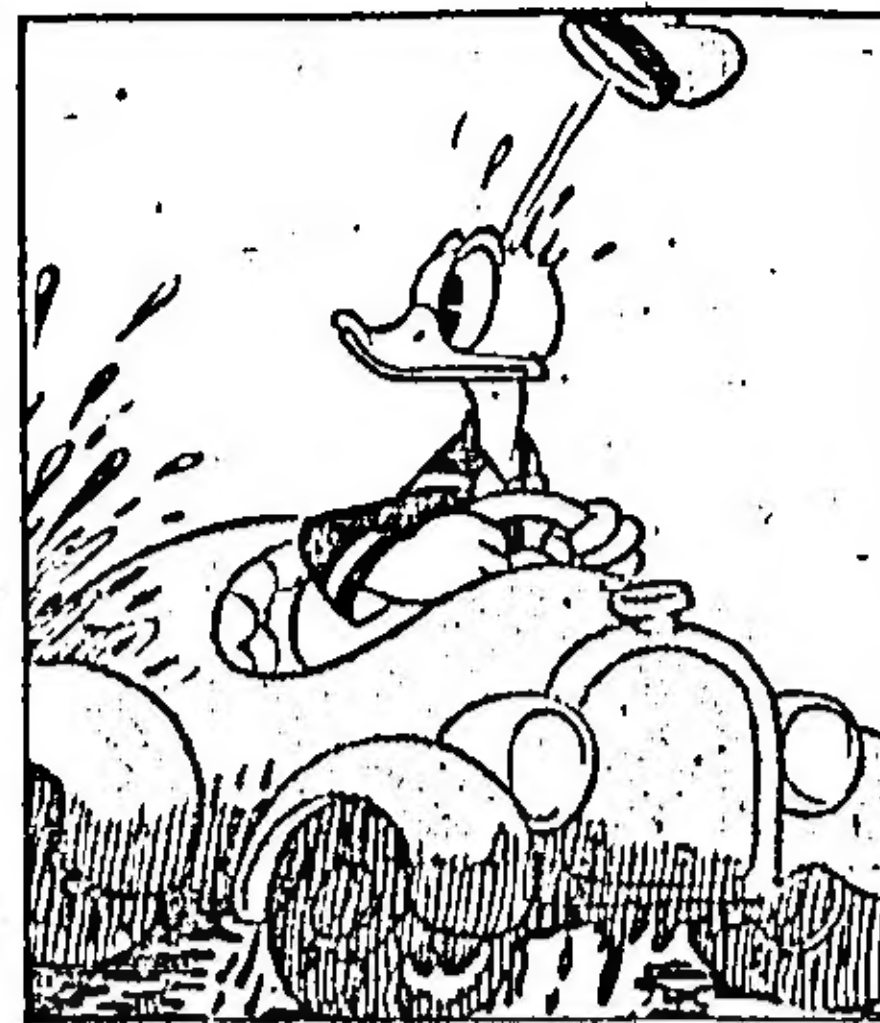
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CHINESE REFUGEES

Slight Decrease In The Hongkong Camps

The numbers of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps in urban and rural areas of Hongkong are given officially as follows:

In urban areas civilians.—King's Park 1,302 for the week ending December 9 as compared with 1,307 on December 2; Mui Chung 1,078 as compared with 1,100 and North Point 1,418 the same number on December 2.

In rural areas, soldiers.—In hospital eleven on December 9, as compared with eight on December 2 and Mui Chung 730 as compared with 733.

In rural areas.—At Kam Tin 1,012 on December 9, as compared with 1,054 on December 2; San Uk Ling 730 as compared with 720 and Gills Cutting 377 as compared with 384. The grand total on December 9 was 7,506 as compared with 7,533 on December 2 showing a decrease of 27.

Aid for Other Camps
The Director of Medical Services acknowledges the receipt of \$500 from the Tsung Tsin Refugee Relief Association towards the relief of refugees in the camps at Loshuling and Lokmashau.

In addition, 100 240-lb. bags of rice have been given by the Chairman of the War Relief Sub-committee, Wai Young Merchants Association.

Blaze In Shaukiwan

The first and second floors of two houses in Nam On Street, Shaukiwan, were gutted by a fire that broke out after 2 p.m. yesterday. The conflagration is believed to have started in a kitchen.

Fanned by a strong wind, the fire spread to the adjoining house, but all the inmates escaped. The stairs were of wood but the walls were of brick, which helped the firemen's work of checking the blaze.

The street being a narrow one, there was room for only one fire engine, but hoses were extended from other appliances in the main street. Factories for making buttons were on the ground floor of the burnt houses.

HONGKONG-BUILT SHIP

New Vessel for Australia To Be Launched Next Week

A new ship is to be launched on December 21 at the Kowloon Docks. She is the Koruah, built here for the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company, Ltd., of Sydney, Australia.

The launching and christening ceremony will be performed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, and special provision has been made to convey guests to the Docks to view the event.

Validating Passport

United States Checks Up On Citizens in Soviet

Moscow, Dec. 12. American citizens queued up at the Embassy and submitted to finger print photographs, pursuant to the new regulations requiring them for validation of passports.

It is estimated that 150 Americans reside in the Soviet Union engaged in legitimate business; these are eligible for valid ion by imprint of the finger prints of the consul, Mr. Angus Wards, on their passports.

In addition to the 150, there are another 150 whose status is doubtful, owing to dual nationality or protracted expatriation. They must choose immediate repatriation or loss of American protection or Soviet citizenship.

Mr. Steinhardt, American Ambassador, validated his staff's passports by applying his own finger prints.—United Press.

FINE FRENCH EFFORT

The French community in the Colony have now collected \$25,000 for the French War Fund.

French women in Hongkong will organise a bazaar in aid of the fund in March, it is announced. Details of the bazaar will be announced later.

250,000 Aspirins for the B.E.F.

From PHILIP JORDAN
News Chronicle War Correspondent with the B.E.F.
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

Lying in rooms in which, less than two months ago, week-end travellers from Britain were playing boules and baccarat, are the first British casualties of this war. None of them are serious; and most of them are road-accident cases.

Beds, each with its own locker, bed-table and temperature chart, fill the theatre, the concert-hall and the old gaming room, whose ornate candelabra, hanging from the high ceilings, are now the only relics of this building's former gay purposes.

Here are some figures of stores that have already arrived for this hospital and others not yet completed:

250,000 aspirin tablets.
12 cwt. of Epsom salts as well as 20,000 tablets of the same stuff.
740lb. of iodine.
500lb. of castor oil.
Nearly 300,000 units of M and B 693, the magic drug that saves so many lives.
350,000 quinine-tablets.
100,000 ampules of antitetanus serum.
30,000lb. of lint.
30,000lb. of cotton-wool in one pound packets and as much again in compressed bales.

Nor is this all. The medical storekeeper claims that he can supply whatever diet the doctor may order a sick man. He has even carried coals to Newcastle in the form of cases and cases of champagne brought here from England.

"AUSSIES" ARE ON GUARD

CEASELESS patrol of the Australia coast by warships and planes is reported by the Australian Navy in its first war bulletin.

"Trade routes and merchant shipping are being protected," the bulletin states, according to B.U.P. "Vessels are being searched for contraband."

"The Navy has been ready to meet instantly enemy attacks. There will be no relaxing of vigilance."

Nearly 8,000 Australians, it is stated, are on active service with the Navy.

Coast Watch
On the outbreak of war, seagoing personnel of the Navy numbered 1,440 officers and men, in addition to 260 fleet reserves and retired officers who were called up for service immediately.

A voluntary coast-watching service has been set up to cover Australia and Australian territories.

"Australian naval activity has been and is being carried out in concert with the British Admiralty, the Commanders-in-Chief of the China, Malaya, and New Zealand stations, and merchant shipping."

NURSES IN FRANCE

Watch Football In Spare Time

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE
English women are rare in the fighting zone of the British Army, but to-day I found seven standing in a row cheering a football match. The corporals were playing the sergeants, and the match was even and fiercely contested.

Around the pasture behind the little French village stood a scattering of soldiers and officers, chiefly R.A.M.C. men from the casualty clearing station which has just been set up partly under canvas and partly in commandeered buildings.

The afternoon was fine but cold. The seven women, all, they told me, from London nursing homes, were the nurses attached to the hospital, and as they stood there in their trim grey uniforms they were entirely unconscious of the fact that theirs was the privilege of being the Englishwomen nearest the fighting line.

Later we walked down the muddy lane together and they showed me the little chateau where they all live under the supervision of a matron, a veteran of the last war.

Cosy Sitting-Room

Meals are taken in a cosy sitting-room, and when I put my head in through the door I saw knitting on the table, a cat asleep by the fire, and a kettle on the hob. Upstairs were comfortable, if chilly, bedrooms in which the nurses sleep two to a room. Their meals are taken together apart from the officers, who have a mess in a farm house across the village street.

The wards are so far empty of battle casualties, but they have already 80 cases of soldiers suffering from various "civilian" ailments, such as influenza, appendicitis, strains and fractures, and tank drivers injured in tank manoeuvres. The station has a capacity of 200 men but can be readily expanded if necessary. Equipment includes a complete X-ray unit and a generating truck that can provide electric light for the whole clearing station. The personnel includes three padres, one Roman Catholic, one Church of England, and one Methodist.

Camouflaged Bakery

Another interesting army activity I visited to-day was the military bakery set up in 32 tents, where bakers in white overalls make thousands of loaves a day. The bread I tasted was delicious, and the head baker told me the Army is now turning out 75,000lbs a day of such bread for the troops.

Outside the tents stood long rows of ovens: each inscribed in chalk with a woman's name presumably the wife or sweetheart of the baker.

The tents were beautifully camouflaged, and I asked the camouflage officer attached to G.H.Q., formerly an artist in London, who happened to be there supervising the last strokes of paint on the tented bakery, how he went about his work. Road vehicles and guns come out from England already camouflaged, but buildings, gun emplacements, headquarters and all manner of field units require the expert advice of the camouflage officer to render themselves invisible.

The camouflage officer acts as an adviser and after a careful inspection of the surroundings instructs what colours and what style and pattern they should be painted. A plane is at his disposal, and from this he examines the sites both before and after the job of camouflaging is completed.

He told me with some pride that when he flew yesterday over the bakery at 2,000 feet the pilot of his plane said he could not see it at all.

In a short time the camouflage units of the army will be greatly expanded and individual units will be attached to corps and divisional headquarters.



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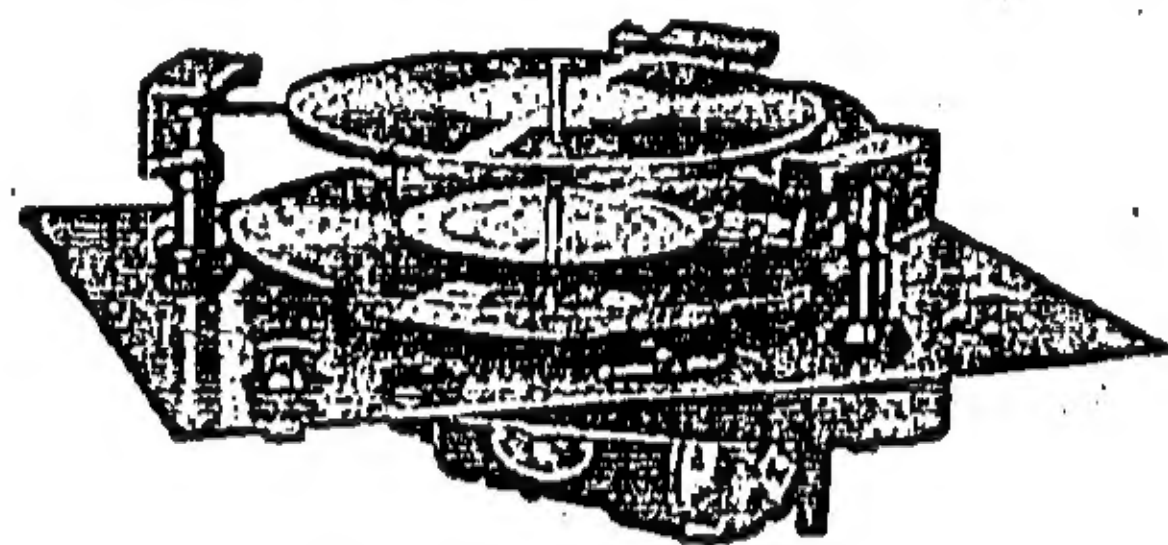
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Fire Traps

NOTHING more disappointing
has occurred in recent years in
Legislative Council than the
eloquent silence at last week's
meeting concerning the Shang-
hai Street fire tragedy. Presu-
mably the loss of more than
two score lives, caused by the
destruction of tenement fire
traps, is not to be regarded as
anything more than an affair
between tenants and landlords.
To this view we cannot sub-
scribe. This is just as urgent a
matter of public concern as any
departmental campaign for
saving lives from cholera or
small-pox.

There might be some excuse
for apathy if the public could
reasonably hope that the Yau-
matti disaster is unlikely to
occur again; but these gruesome
events have too often happened
in the past to permit such a
mollifying hope. The plain
truth is that while buildings of
the Shanghai Street type are
permitted to exist—even per-
mitted to be constructed anew—
there will be in Hongkong an
ever-present danger of disaster.
If the death toll was 46 last
week, it is but one chapter of
human sacrifice in a lost list of
such tragedies which have be-
come part and parcel of our
history.

The conscience-saving theory
that "life is cheap" can be
acceptable to no one, whatever
stratum of society be affected.
Government has openly confessed
the necessity of a vast im-
provement in housing conditions
in Hongkong and not even war
on two continents will encourage
us to believe that the problem
has become less important,
either with regard to the welfare
of the vast majority of Hong-
kong's populace or as it affects
the good name of the Colony.

A pseudo-fatalistic attitude to
destruction of life and property
in Hongkong may be a comfort-
able method of evading responsi-
bility, but it is a miserable
method of government.

The final answer, of course, is
wholesale slum clearance and the
erection of proper habitable
tenements with modern fire-
proof facilities. But there are a
variety of temporary
measures which could be effected
forthwith, and which would at
least do something to mitigate
against these appalling fire
tragedies. Enforcement of
these measures should be
Government's immediate con-
cern.



The Premier Made A Speech

Bring the full text of the Premier's broadcast on November
25, and which was air-mailed to Hongkong.

THE following is the
full text of the Prime
Minister's broadcast:

"The last time I broadcast
to you was on the 3rd of
September, and it was to tell
you that we were at war
with Germany. The catastro-
phe which I had striven
so hard to prevent had come
upon us, thanks to Hitler's
unbridled ambition, and there
was nothing left for us to do
but to set our teeth and, with
our friends and Allies, to put a
stop to this policy of domination
which had so long disturbed the
peace of Europe. I had always
hoped that it would never fall
to my lot to have to make that
decision, but when the time came
I did not and could not hesitate
to take it, for I knew that the
liberties of all free peoples and
our own were at stake.

"And to-day, after just twelve
weeks of war, I am speaking to
you again, happily with health
and strength unimpaired and
with complete confidence in our
ultimate victory. Of one thing
you can be sure. We shall not
follow the German example of
either concealing our own losses
from you or of inventing enemy
losses which do not exist. We
told you of the loss of the
Courageous and the Royal Oak,
and to-day you have heard of
the sinking of the Rawalpindi.
None of these losses affects our
overwhelming naval superiority, and
we shall tell you frankly what is
happening even when the truth is
unpleasant, and we shall never re-
frain from publishing news except
when it would be helpful to the
enemy to have it.

"Up to the present the war has
been carried on in a way very dif-
ferent from what we expected.
We need not attribute the re-
luctance of the Germans to begin
a great land offensive or to at-
tempt a series of mass attacks
from the air upon this country
to their humanity. We have had
plenty of evidence that no con-
siderations of humanity deter
them from any form of warfare
that they think will bring them
some advantage.

"They must therefore have come to
the conclusion that at present they
would lose more than they would
gain by such attacks, and they have
preferred to use methods which they
think can be employed without seri-
ous loss to themselves.

The Magnetic Mine

"The latest of these methods, as
you all know, is the sowing of a new
kind of mine indiscriminately in our
home waters. It matters nothing to
the German Government that what
it is doing is contrary to international
agreements to which it has subscrib-
ed. It matters nothing to that Gov-
ernment that it is daily blowing up
neutral ships as well as British, and
thereby drowning or maiming citi-
zens of countries with which Ger-
many is not at war. Germany hopes
by these barbarous weapons to cut
off our supplies from overseas and
squeeze or starve us into submis-
sion.

You need have no fear that this
attempt will succeed. Already
we know the secret of the
magnetic mine, and we shall soon
master it as we have already
mastered the U-boat; and in the
meantime, despite some losses,
our convoys are still moving
steadily in and out of our ports,
and they will continue to do so,
thanks to the courage and skill

of the men in our Merchant Navy
and in the warships which escort
them.

"It may be that some of you who
are listening to me are yourselves
serving at sea in His Majesty's ships
or in the vessels which maintain our
supplies from overseas. I should like
you to know what we are thinking
of you and of the perils of storms
and of ruthless enemy that you are
facing day and night. Upon you has
hitherto fallen the brunt of the war,
and we cannot be sufficiently grateful
to you for the cool and steadfast
courage with which you have carried
out your tasks. We do not forget that
the safety of these islands depends
on the untiring watchfulness of our
seamen, as it has done ever since
the days of Queen Elizabeth.

"Others of my listeners may be
serving in the Army, some in distant
garrisons overseas, some in France,
some again keeping perpetual vigil
over their guns on the home front.
For you the time for conflict has not
yet arrived, but we know that you
are cheerfully enduring the monotony
and discomforts that inevitably attend
the routine of preparation, and that
when the day of battle comes you
will be ready to meet it as your
fathers were before you.

Tribute To The Air Force

"And as for you who are serving
in the Air Force, our youngest fight-
ing Service, you too have an impor-
tant part to play in the defence of the
homeland as well as in the defeat
of the enemy's forces. We have
watched with pride and admiration
your gallant exploits in those aerial
combats in which you have already
taken part, and we feel confident
that you will be more than equal to
any demands that may be made upon
you.

"I do not forget that I have to-night
a still wider audience, and that my
voice will travel to all the peoples
of the British Empire. I wish that
I could speak to each, and thank
them for their support so freely and
so swiftly given. We entered the
war to defend freedom and to estab-
lish peace. These are the two vital
principles of our Empire, and the
Empire's unity to-day gives us the
moral as well as the material strength
to win them.

"And now I want to speak to those
among you who are listening to me
from your homes in the towns and
villages of Great Britain. Many of
you are engaged on one form or
another of National Service, often at
great sacrifice to yourselves. Others
are serving our country no less use-
fully on the land, in mines and fac-
tories, in hospitals, in offices, in your
own homes and in numberless other
ways. Whatever your work may be,
I know well that in greater or less
degree the war has interrupted and
affected your daily life.

"Some of you are already mourning
the loss of those who were dearest
to you. For such grief as yours no
words of mine could pretend to afford
consolation. I would say only this,
that I know no cause more worthy
of the supreme sacrifice than that for
which those lives have been given.
We must be thankful that so far the
war has brought no such casualty
lists as those which overshadowed
the early months of the war of 1914.
There must be few to whom it
has not meant anxiety or disturbance
of mind, discomfort, material loss or
even severe hardship.

"Husbands and wives have been
separated from one another or from
their children. Home arrangements
have been upset by having to billet
strangers or children accustomed to
different ways of living. Businesses
have been dislocated, hard-earned
practices have had to be abandoned.
Buildings have been commandeered

at short notice and at great incon-
venience to their owners and oc-
cupants. Heavy taxation has cut into
incomes and imposed severe restric-
tions upon expenditure.

Risk Of Sudden Air Attack

"Then again there are the daily
irritating inconveniences of restric-
tions of various kinds, not forgetting
the black-out and the difficulty and
discomfort of travelling. Most of
these hardships and inconveniences
have been brought about by the
necessity of providing against attacks
from the air. Some of them may
seem now to have been unnecessary,
since the air raids have not taken
place. But if they had come, as
everyone expected, and had found
us unprepared you would have blamed
the Government for its neglect.
Even now we cannot assume that the
Germans will not change their tactics
and make a sudden attack from the
air upon this country. We must not
therefore rashly dispense with our
safeguards, but we are constantly
revising the existing restrictions, and
we shall certainly relax them when-
ever we feel that we can do so
without undue risk to the public
safety.

"I do not think I need say more
about restrictions which are imposed
only in the general interest, and
which I am sure will be cheerfully
borne if they help to bring us victory.

"I said a little while ago that this
was a different kind of war from
what we expected. Perhaps you may
sometimes wonder why we ourselves
are not attacking the enemy with
more vigour. Well, I would remind
you that the art of war consists in
bringing the greatest possible force
to bear at the right place and at the
right time. In our case the place and
time will be decided by those who
are responsible for the strategy of the
Allies. But in the meanwhile we are
not losing anything by delay, for
time is on our side.

"Every week that passes by in-
tensifies the pressure upon Ger-
many of the Allies' blockade,
which is slowly but surely de-
priving her of those materials
which are essential to the suc-
cessful prosecution of a modern
war and which she cannot pro-
duce within her own borders.

Allies' Unlimited Resources

"How different is the position of
the Allies, who have at their disposal
within the Empire or elsewhere un-
limited resources in men and ma-
terials. With such advantages they
are bound to win in the end; and
the only question is how long it will
take them to achieve their purpose.
That brings me to the last point
I want to make. What is the purpose
for which we are to-day standing
side by side with our French and
Polish Allies? The question has been
answered over and over again by
myself, by M. Daladier, by Lord
Halifax and by other members of the
Governments. One would think that
there could be no doubt about it, but
there are still questioners who feel
that we have not yet sufficiently de-
fined our aims.

"In my own mind I make a distinc-
tion between war aims and peace
aims. Our war aim is to defeat our
enemy and, by that I do not merely
mean the defeat of the enemy's mili-
tary forces.

"I mean the defeat of that
aggressive, bullying mentality
which seeks continually to domi-
nate other peoples by force,
which finds a brutal satisfaction
in the persecution and torture of
inoffensive citizens and, in the
name of the interests of the State,
justifies the repudiation of its

own pledged word whenever it
finds it convenient. If the Ger-
man people can be convinced that
that spirit is as bad for them-
selves as for the rest of the
world, they will abandon it. If
we can secure that they do
abandon it without bloodshed, so
much the better; but abandoned
it must be. That is our war aim
and we shall persevere in this
struggle until we have attained
it.

"When we come to peace aims we
are dealing with something to be
achieved in conditions we cannot at
present foresee. Our definition of
them can therefore only be in the
most general terms, but there can
be no harm in declaring the broad
principles on which we should desire
to found them.

"Our desire, then, when we have
achieved our war aim would be to
establish a new Europe, not new in
the sense of tearing up all the old
frontier posts and redrawing the map
according to the ideas of the victors,
but a Europe with a new spirit in
which the nations which inhabit it
will approach their difficulties with
goodwill and mutual tolerance.

"In such a Europe fear of aggres-
sion would have ceased to exist, and
such adjustments of boundaries as
would be necessary would be thrashed
out between neighbours sitting on
equal terms round a table, with the
help of disinterested third parties if
it were so desired.

An Unfettered Right

"In such a Europe it would be
recognised that there can be no last-
ing peace unless there is a full and
constant flow of trade between the
nations concerned, for only by in-
creased interchange of goods and
services can the standard of living be
improved.

"In such a Europe each country
would have the unfettered right to
choose its own form of internal gov-
ernment, so long as that Government
did not pursue an external policy
injurious to its neighbours.

"Lastly, in such a Europe, arma-
ments would gradually be dropped as
a useless expense, except in so far
as they were needed for the preserva-
tion of internal law and order.

"It is obvious that the establish-
ment of this Utopian Europe which
I have briefly sketched out could not
be the work of a few weeks or even
months. It would be a continuous
process stretching over many years.
Indeed, it would be impossible to set
a time-limit upon it, for conditions
never cease to change, and corre-
sponding adjustments would be re-
quired if friction is to be avoided.

"Consequently, you would need
some machinery capable of conduct-
ing and guiding the development of
the new Europe in the right direction.
I do not think it necessary now to
decide, it is possible to specify at this
stage the kind of machinery which
should be established for this pur-
pose. I merely express the opinion
that something of the sort would
have to be provided, and I would
add my hope that a Germany animat-
ed by a new spirit might be among
the nations which would take part
in its operations.

"There, then, for the present I
leave the peace aims, and once more
I would remind you that before we
can begin to translate them into ac-
tion we have got first to achieve our
war aim and win the war. In that
purpose the members of the British
Commonwealth are united as they
never have been before in all our
history.

"Let us then gird up our loins,
confident in our own tenacity and
resolve in our determination.
Let us keep clear before our eyes
the necessity that this reign of
terror instituted under the pre-
sent German Government should
come to an end in order that we
may build a new and better
Europe. We know that this
great struggle we are fighting for
the right and against the wrong.
Let us then go on forward with
God's blessing on our arms, and
we shall prevail!"

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGEFAMOUS
ACTOR
PASSES

Hollywood, Dec. 12.
Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., died at 4 a.m. (E.S.T.) to-day at his Santa Monica home.

It is believed that the famous film star had a heart attack.
He had complained of heart disturbance last night.—United Press.

Career Begun Early

Douglas Fairbanks was born at Denver in May, 1883, his father being a lawyer.
He first appeared on the stage at the age of 12 in "On the Bowery" in his native town.

After completing some studies at Harvard University he adopted a stage career.

He played Shakespeare in New York and soon became a "Broadway star."

In 1914 he turned to the films and his success was instantaneous, dating from the first picture in which he appeared, "The Lamb."

He delighted the world with a whole series of films, including "All for a Girl," "A Gentleman of Leisure," "The Cub," "Robin Hood," "Robinson Crusoe," "The Thief of Bagdad," "Don Q, Son of Zorro," "The Man in the Iron Mask," "The Black Pirate," and "The Gaucho."

In these he played leading parts involving great physical energy, for, apart from his remarkable gifts as an actor, Fairbanks was an all-round sportsman and kept himself in perfect training, with the result that his every movement was full of grace and vigour.

Fairbanks, whose first marriage was dissolved, married Mary Pickford, the equally famous film star, in 1920.

With Charles Chaplin, Norma Talmage and other players, he formed the United Artists Corporation which employed from 5,000 to 6,000 people. The films produced by it were the private ventures of the chief actors in them, who took the profits.

MANCHUKUO EMPEROR

To Attend Celebrations
In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 12.
The Asahi Shimbun reports that the Emperor of Manchukuo will visit Japan in May, next year, to attend Japan's celebrations for the 2,000th anniversary of the founding of the Empire. He visited Japan for the first time in 1935.

The Japanese communities in Brazil have decided to send a delegation of 500 Japanese to Japan next year to attend the national celebrations of the founding of the Empire.—Domei.

Japan's Policy

ARMY DISSATISFIED
WITH THE CABINET

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Adding to the Government's troubles, the Army, which hitherto has positively supported the Abe Cabinet in connection with the settlement of the China incident and internal policies, is becoming concerned and dissatisfied with the Cabinet's evasive attitude regarding the establishment of a Trade Ministry and abolition of the Ordinance guaranteeing the status of civil officials.

According to the *Miyako Shimbun*, the Army fears that the Cabinet is showing an increasing lack of ability to settle various vital domestic issues and regulate the complex relations with third Powers to settle the China incident.

The paper therefore forecasts that the Minister of War, General S. Hata, is likely to make representations to the Cabinet urging the adoption of a positive attitude in pursuit of the policies to which the Cabinet is committed.—Reuter.

Issue Of Banknotes

Tokyo, Dec. 12.
The Asahi Shimbun after a careful general survey, declares that the note issues of the Bank of Japan and other Yen-linked currencies in East Asia to the end of November totalled 4,044 million Yen, compared with 2,940 million Yen during the year ended November, 1938.

The paper estimates that the Bank of Japan note issue up to December 31 will approximate 3,650 million Yen, the Bank of Chosen 420 million, the Bank of Formosa 170 million, the Manchukuo Central Bank 670 million, the North China Federal Reserve Bank 307 million, the Inner Mongolian Bank 84 million, making a grand total of 5,331 million Yen, excluding military notes throughout China, which are all secured on the Bank of Japan's gold reserve.

The grand total shows an increase of 1,370 million compared with December 31 last year and 2,198 million

DEFICIT MADE
GOOD

Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall has received from an English resident and his wife, who desire to be anonymous, a cheque for \$768 for the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. The sum is the amount of the Society's deficit last year.

Sir Robert has replied to the contributor, expressing his warmest thanks, and adding that he can conceive of no better means of calling the attention of the public to the needs of the Society than this fine lead.

ITALIAN
CLAIMS
VOICED

Rome, Dec. 12.
A broadcast to Italian students on the Via National hook-up took place to-day, when Signor Gayda revived Italian claims for "national aspirations."

At the same time he stated that Italy was a prisoner in the Mediterranean and must have a passage outside this sea.

Speaking slowly, but firmly, the editor of Rome's authoritative *Giornale d'Italia*, condemned again the Treaty of Versailles, which he said "created a Europe which could never have peace."

He added that a new Europe could be built only after Italian claims were satisfied.—United Press.

Britain's Strong Position

Rome, Dec. 12.
Signor Gayda said, "Italian national life is in the Mediterranean, entrance and exit to which is in the hands of foreigners. Gibraltar, Suez and now even the Dardanelles are controlled by Britain, who can close these passages and isolate the Mediterranean from the outside world."

"While France and Spain have outlets to the Atlantic Ocean, Italy, instead, is a prisoner; and therefore, as she is a world Power, she has the right and the necessity to maintain contact throughout the world."

"It is necessary for Italy to obtain a passage outside the Mediterranean for freedom in its work and for its very life."—United Press.

Envoys In Italy

Rome, Dec. 11.
The German Ambassador to Rome, Herr Mackensen, returned to the Italian capital after a visit to Berlin where, it is understood, he was in conference with Herr Hitler and the Italian Ambassador to Berlin.

The French Ambassador to Rome departed for Paris.—United Press.

Spanish Military Mission

Madrid, Dec. 12.
A Spanish military mission left Barcelona to-day for Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

Growing Demand
in America to Help
Gallant Finland

Washington, Dec. 12.

One thousand persons attended a protest meeting when Congressman Emmanuel Celler addressed the meeting and suggested that the United States withdraw Mr. Steinhardt, American Ambassador at Moscow, or even break diplomatic relations with Russia.

Former President Hoover and Mayor La Guardia of New York, together with other notables, were present. They will not speak until the main Madison Square Gardens rally.—United Press.

Press Support For Finns

New York, Dec. 12.
Newspapers all feature on their front pages the League's message to Russia and the Finns' successful resistance.

The *Herald-Tribune* writes that the old paralyzing conflicts of purpose and policy have been ended by the elimination of half of the most important members, who now supply a menace more or less common to all the rest.

The result is an organization capable of acting with clarity and unanimity, which the League in its original form never attained.

The *New York Times* remarks that there is reason to believe that even if the League should fail to act as a unit, individual countries will make it possible for Finland to obtain additional supplies.

The paper adds that Americans are grateful to Finland for her gallant fight for liberty and decent international conduct.

They are reluctant to see assistance of the United States halted at this point and they hope and feel confident that ways always can be found to give prompt aid where it is most needed.—Reuter Special.

Gas masks For Finns

New York, Dec. 12.
The *New York Times* says, it is disclosed in official circles in Washington that Finland is negotiating for the purchase of large quantities of gas masks in the United States for civilians and troops not serving in the front lines.

Finland has also placed an experimental order for 1,000 masks to protect horses.

The correspondent adds that the War Department has no objection to selling masks to the Finns. American manufacturers are understood to be able to supply them quickly.—Reuter Special.

China Endorses Step

Chungking, Dec. 12.
Chinese political observers fully endorsed the step taken by Dr. Wellington Koo at Geneva to abstain from voting.—United Press.

Fight to Avert Tragedy

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.
The *Helsinki* correspondent of *Berlingske Tidende* writes that the Finnish northern division is now fighting a desperate battle to prevent the greatest human catastrophes in the history of the North.

If the Russians succeed in breaking the Finnish defence lines it will mean that millions of civilians will be chased out of the country to the frozen Gulf of Bothnia, because this will be their only way of escape.—Reuter.

Finns Fall Back

Helsinki, Dec. 12.
The Finns admit they have abandoned the Salla post after bitter fighting, and also withdrew from Pitkanen, just north of Lake Ladoga, but they claim that the enemy attacks on Tolvojärvi were beaten off with heavy losses.

Ten Russian planes flew over Hangö Island's south-western coast about noon, causing an air raid alarm for 45 minutes.
One bomb known to have been dropped is believed to have fallen in the water.—United Press.

Soviet Recalls Reserves

Moscow, Dec. 12.
It is reliably reported that the Soviet has recalled to the Colours since the beginning of the Finnish war, a number of reservists who had been discharged after the occupation of the Polish Ukraine and White Russia had been completed.—Reuter Special.

Forming Foreign Legion

Helsinki, Dec. 12.
Mr. Nigel Allan, British Vice-Consul at Helsinki, resigned from his post yesterday and has applied to the Finnish Government for permission to form a foreign legion to fight against Soviet Russia.

It is expected that permission will be granted.—Reuter Special.

SIR HENRY RE-ELECTED

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, senior unofficial member of the Legislative Council, whose present term of office as representative of the Justices of the Peace will expire on January 10, has been automatically re-elected as the result of his being the only nomination received by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest. Nominations closed yesterday.

Western Front

BRITISH
TROOPS
ACTIVE

Paris, Dec. 12.

British troops had another successful skirmish with the enemy yesterday, writes M. Charles Morice, when British troops came into action against three German sections.

Mr. Morice states, "It was a bad business for the enemy who dragged many wounded back to their lines. Our Allies suffered no losses. This action was expected, owing to artillery fire with which the Germans frequently attacked the British positions in the last few days."—Reuter.

Some Patrol Activity

Paris, Dec. 12.
A communique issued to-day states there was patrol activity at several points of the front.—Reuter.

Villages Evacuated

Paris, Dec. 12.
German troops movements at the Luxembourg end of the front line are reported. The inhabitants of a number of villages there have been ordered to evacuate.—Reuter Bulletin.

"Red-Indian" Warfare

London, Dec. 12.
A correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force reports that it can now be revealed that the British patrols have been already engaged in "Red Indian" warfare under cover of darkness in the wide No Man's Land. So far the British have not suffered losses, while the only loss claimed to have been inflicted by the enemy was an Alsatian dog.

No Man's Land includes deserted hamlets, scattered farm buildings and woods, which stretch into the open country which neither side holds strongly and where patrols may meet at any time. Both sides are making an effort to capture prisoners.

The open country allows movement, and consequently the warfare is taking on a characteristic hardly known in the last war in which skill and daring play a considerable part. Behind these activities there is still the main line of defence, from which artillery operates exchanges with the enemy.

In the daylight hours the British easily distinguish the enemy but little firing goes on. The first shots fired on the Western Front were when a patrol of Germans stumbled across a British post in the wood. The British, who were strengthening their newly occupied positions, heard the approaching patrol and telephoned to the artillery posts. As the artillery opened fire the Germans disappeared. It is understood that many were wounded.—United Press.

Message To The Forces

London, Dec. 12.
The Allied preparations for the German offensive are recalled in the Order of the Day issued to the British troops to-day by General Gurney, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies. It reads:

"In my Order of the Day of October 14, I warned you to be ready for a general offensive by the Germans which was expected."

On October 10 the preliminary attack was made by the Nazis but our dispositions prevented any developments. Since then the enemy has not dared to make a general offensive. Meanwhile we await the issue with increased efforts."—Reuter Bulletin.

French Press Pleased

Paris, Dec. 12.
The news that British troops are now occupying a sector of the Maginot Line is hailed with great satisfaction in the newspapers.—Reuter.

POISON CONSIGNMENT

Sufficient Strychnine To
Kill 1,600 Lost

London, Dec. 12.
The police of three countries have redoubled their search for a metal container filled with 1,600 strychnine and arsenic capsules, each of which is capable of killing a child.

The highly poisonous remedy was part of a lorry load en route to Manchester wholesale chemists from Liverpool. It disappeared on the way and it is feared that children might sample the dark brown gelatinous substance, thinking them to be candy.—United Press.

Hitler Given
100 Days

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter Bulletin).—The German "Freedom" station in a broadcast commenting on the discussions at the League meetings, states that what caused the Soviet invasion of Poland was the course taken by Hitler.

The announcer threatened assassination against Hitler and gave him an ultimatum of 100 days in which to surrender Germany to the German people and stop the war.

If he complies he may leave the country alive, but if he does not, he will be killed.

Now Air Force

RUSSIAN
AID FOR
CHINA

Peking, Dec. 12.

Following the suspension of military supplies from European and American countries as the result of the European war, the reorganised Chinese air force is almost exclusively manned and equipped by Soviet personnel and craft.

Chiang Kai-shek has asked the Supreme National Defence Council to prove the issue of an imposing national defence loan, totalling Yün 600,000,000 and plans to purchase 500 new aircraft. Chiang Kai-shek has also laid down a plan to encourage the manufacture of aircraft in China.

With the pursuit planes and distance bombing planes, Chiang Kai-shek is attempting to strengthen the defences in important cities and to launch offensives.

Lanchow and Kunming have been chosen as bases for the reorganisation and in both places air force training institutes have been opened.

Manufacturing Planes

Aircraft manufacturing enterprises are projected at Lanchow, Chengtu, Kunming, Chungking and Nanchuan in Szechuan. Construction of aircraft with imported materials and parts has already been started on a large scale.

At Lanchow alone about 200 military planes were recently imported from Russia, most of them having been flown along the Red route.

Important changes have taken place in the organisation as the result of the recent deterioration in the relations between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party.

With the Soviet influences in the Northwest steadily being consolidated, Lanchow has become a veritable advance base of Soviet invasion.

Reliable reports indicate that Lanchow, the capital of Kansu, is defended by units of the Soviet regular Air Force and anti-aircraft troops, in addition to Chinese air units.

Until several months ago, the Soviet air force at Lanchow included only four units with 10 planes, but it has by now been increased several times. Thus the Chinese plan to reorganise the air force is actually entailing the replenishment of Soviet air units in China.—Domei.

BLOCKADE
OPERATES
SMOOTHLY

London, Dec. 12.

While it is indicated that Britain is leading the moderate group in the Russo-Finnish discussions at Geneva, the British Navy is relentless in tightening the economic thumb-screws on Germany, and the first neutral ships searched for German exports are reported to have carried only small quantities, indicating that German representations to neutrals have been actively resisted.

Two way control has not been noticeably successful.

Some goods of German origin have already been handed over to the Prize Court, but the relatively small volume of these indicates that neutral ship owners are reluctant to transport German cargoes.

At the same time, it is believed all ships so far stopped have been cleared, since the Export Control proved far more speedy than the control of imports, due to the relative ease in detecting goods of German origin, compared to foreign goods destined for Germany.—United Press.

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Around The Courses

IMPROVEMENTS AT SHEK-O CLUB

Eighteenth Hole Near Completed: Interesting Final At Fanling

(By "Birdie")

IT HAS BEEN almost two years since I was down at Shek-O, and on going to Camp last week I noticed for the first time the additions there have been to the Shek-O Country Club course. I remember when last there that certain construction work was in progress on the lower ground below the Club-House, and since then eight new holes have been laid out, making a total of 17, with the 18th hole almost near completion.

This last hole should be finished and ready for play early next year, and the Shek-O Club can then boast of the only 18-hole Course on the Island.

A passing glance gives the impression of shortness and narrowness of fairways, but actually this is not the case. Owing to certain limitations, of course, there are, relatively, more short holes there than on most other courses in either Hongkong or Kowloon. In yardage, however, the original nine holes on the elevated site compares somewhat with the Kowloon Golf Club course, while being situated as it is, mid-way between Shek-O beach and Big Wave Bay, it is on a really lovely site, and commands a very fine view.

The new holes, however, are not so new, as I believe they have been in use for some time now, but with the completion of the 18th hole the Shek-O Club will be the second Club here able to boast of an 18-hole course.

Though it is probably more well-known as a golf Club, tennis and clay-pigeon shooting also occupy the attention of its members.

J. T. SMITH, it seems, is in line for his third big win at Fanling. F. D. Hunter, the other finalist in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club championship, can be relied upon to put up an excellent show, and really extend Smith, but on form at the moment, it doesn't seem likely that the Colony Champion will be beaten.

It should be a most interesting final, for both are extremely able golfers. In the Jasper Clark Cup, Smith beat Hunter by one stroke; the scores being 149 and 150; Smith's rounds were 74 and 75, while Hunter's were 81 and 80. The Fanling final is, of course, being decided on match play, but Hunter has shown himself capable of a 69, and if able to bring that form out again is more than capable of taking the title away from Smith.

MEMBERS at the Country Club last week-end looked forward to the final of the Ladies' Cup between Miss

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of the meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, O. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th, December, 1939.

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Cotton Continues Charity Games

LONDON.—Henry Cotton was twice on the winning side when he continued his series of matches in aid of Red Cross Funds at the Royal Burgess Course, Barnton.

In the first of two four-ball matches, Cotton, partnered by Hugh Watt, the local professional, beat James Adams (Royal Liverpool) and Jack McLean (Buchanan Castle) by 3 and 2.

Later, Cotton and McLean beat Adams and Watt by 2 and 1, thanks chiefly to the brilliant putting of McLean, a former Scottish amateur champion.

The day's play enabled well over £400 to be raised, and the total proceeds so far are in the neighbourhood of £2,000.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sequeira and Mrs. A. J. Kew. The match, however, was postponed when the former made known her inability to be out at Sheungshu on Sunday. This, too, should be an interesting match, for the players are very evenly matched. They more or less met in the Qualifying Round when they played together, and on that occasion Miss Sequeira returned a card of 41 and 43 (Par 30) and headed the list 12 strokes ahead of Mrs. Kew.

THE draw for the first round of the Junior Championship has been made. And on Sunday last, by mutual arrangement, C. H. Bastie and A. T. Lee played off their match. The former won two up, after being three down and six to go at one period.

RECENT qualifiers for the Captain's Cup Competition have been T. Y. C. Lee (71), R. E. Lee (74), J. M. Chum (77) and P. K. C. Tsau (74).

THE introduction of the 14-club rule was, it is claimed, aimed at setting a limit to low scoring, but on figures that have been returned it does not seem to be realising its object. Sam King, who had rounds of 68 and 65 (a course record) in the professionals' tournament at Sandridge Park, beat the bogey for 30 holes on the 6,500-yard course by 17 strokes.

Despite the voice raised, clubs and balls, these days, are being made for distance. The steel shafted clubs, which make for power, are replacing the hickory clubs, and the golfer before who was able to rely on his approach, and putt, is in danger of being relegated.

Distance has made approaching easier, and following his record round of 65, Sam King confided that he had lengthened his drive by a slightly wider swing, with little sacrifice of accuracy.

By this, I presume it is meant that the swing is flatter in plane. The truth of this statement has been tested and observed, but it requires the professional control to justify the "little sacrifice of accuracy."

CHESS CLUB DINNER

Presentation Of Prizes At Peninsula Hotel

The Kowloon Chess Club held the annual dinner at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell presided, and at the close distributed the prizes won during the year.

D. E. Carvalho won the Colony Championship, the runner-up being E. Zimmerman.

The Senior Club Championship was also won by D. E. Carvalho, the runner-up being A. Kurrik. B. F. Litvin won the Junior Club Championship, with A. Hill as runner-up.



The general activity on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's rinks on Saturday at the commencement of the match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies. At the left, His Excellency the Governor is waiting bowl in hand, while Sir Atholl MacGregor is looking on.—Home Photos.

BOXING TITLES RETAINED

Rugby

HEAVY SCORING IN ARMY TOURNAMENT

BY IDENTICAL SCORES — 28 points (two goals, a penalty goal and five tries) to nil—the Royal Engineers beat the 5th A. A. Regiment and the 5th Heavy Regiment. R.A. beat a combined R.A.M.C. and Royal Corps of Signals XV in two rugby matches at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Birrell, their fast winger, was top scorer for the Sappers, and secured three brilliant tries. Waite worked and provided many openings for his outside, and Pictou scored two tries.

The score was opened by a penalty goal from Pike, and the following try by Arlingstall was converted by the first named. Birrell added further points by touching down in the corner, but Pike failed with the kick. Shortly before half-time, Birrell scored his second try, but the kick, taken by Foley, again failed.

The Gunners pressed for a short time following the resumption, but play was soon transferred to the other end, and Sheldrake gained possession and fell over the line. Pike missed a difficult angle kick.

Pike converted Birrell's third try, the two concluding tries from Pictou were not improved upon by the same kicker.

The teams were: Royal Engineers—Moxam; Pictou, Arlingstall, Jones, Birrell; White, Foley; Appley, Pike, Bouzon, Brinkley, Blackman, Davis, Martin, Sheldrake.

5th A.A. Regt., R.A.—Buddick; Solway, Potter, Sutcliffe, Potter; Giblin, Clark; Mew, Farrington, Hanly, Bligh, Nathan, Page, Elliot, Mullen.

8th R.A. 28 Combined XV 0

FOUR tries in the second game were scored by Marsh, on the wing. He proved too fast for the opposition. His first three scores were the opening points of the game. Lomax, who was in skipper and Hook, had been doing great work, went over for the fourth try.

The second half opened with a penalty goal by Marsh, and this was followed by two tries from Hook and Marsh again. The first was converted by Turner.

The final try came from Skipworth. The teams were: 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.—Keeble; Free, Skipworth, Lomax, Marsh; Hook, Foster, Forster, Cook, Turner, Rawlins, Luckett, Eastwood, Robinson, McDonald.

Combined XV—Whybro; MacDonald, Thomas; Lithgow, Hill; Young, Curran; Johnston, Chandler, Butler, Funnell, Minney, Mohan, Clifton, Hanlon.

Most Valued Player In Baseball

New York, Nov. 21. William Henry Walters, who never wanted to be a pitcher in the first place and who would go back to infielding tomorrow if the pay was the same, has been named the most valuable player in the National League for the 1939 season by a committee of 24 sports writers.

Bucky Walters teamed up with Paul Derringer to pitch the Cincinnati Reds to their first National League pennant in 20 years. The Baseball Writers' Association Committee, composed of three sports writers from each National League city, gave Walters a total of 303 points out of a possible 300.

Eighteen gave Walters first place, five awarded him second and the other one placed him fifth. Walters succeeded his teammate and batting companion, Ernie Lombardi, who won last year, with 229 points.

Armstrong And Hostak Win On Knock-Outs

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12 (UP).—Al Hostak, middleweight champion of the world as recognized by the National Boxing Association in opposition to Ceferino Garcia, New York State Athletic Commission's nomination, retained his title to-day against the German Eric Seelig.

Armstrong To Defend Against Montanez

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (UP).—Henry Armstrong, world welterweight champion, will defend his 147-round title at Madison Square Garden on January 24 against Pedro Montanez, of Puerto Rico, over fifteen rounds Mike Jacobs announced to-day. Jacobs also signed Simon Chavez, of Venezuela, and Pete Scalzo for a ten-round bout with the indication that the winner might be matched against Joey Archibald for the world featherweight championship.

winning by a knock-out in the opening round. The fight was scheduled to go 15 rounds.

Welterweight Bout

HENRY ARMSTRONG, welterweight champion of the world, beat Jimmy Garrison on a technical knock-out in the seventh round of their ten rounds' bout.

Bout Postponed

MANILA, Dec. 12 (UP).—The China Clipper, carrying Jack Dempsey to referee the fight between Ceferino Garcia and Glen Lee, is not expected to arrive before Sunday. The managers and promoters have decided to hold the fight on December 19, in the event of Dempsey arriving in time, otherwise on December 23.

A definite announcement is expected on Thursday.

Women's Tennis

COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Chiu Enter Second Round

CONSISTENCY broke down the opposition provided by Miss M. Griffiths in her first round match in the Colony Women's Tennis Championships with Mrs. Enid Litton at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday. The scores were 6-3, 6-3.

Baseline duels featured the match, and in them Mrs. Litton used a heavily chopped forehand to great advantage. Miss Griffiths was very steady, but failed before a more consistent and even steeper player.

LITTLE DIFFICULTY At the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chui had little difficulty in beating Miss J. Greig by 6-2, 6-3.

Football

American Sailors Hold H.M.S. Cicala To A Draw

The soccer squad from U.S.S. Tulsa engaged a team from H.M.S. Cicala at the Dockyard yesterday and did well to secure a draw, each side scoring twice.

The game started at a fast pace and after 15 minutes Newby put Cicala in the lead. Just before the interval, Wilkinson increased the score with a goal shot. Tulsa at this period was playing a fine game for the Tulsa.

After the interval, Tulsa did most of the attacking and Myers reduced the lead. Three minutes later they equalized, following good combination between Myers and Maxwell, resulting in a goal by Myers.

Cicala has challenged the football squad of the Tulsa to a football match on Monday at King's Park.

Junior Shield Replay

The Junior Shield preliminary round replay between Royal Scots and 8th Heavy Regiment will take place at Sookunpoo at 2.15 p.m. today. An Sookunpoo is being used for rugby on Saturday, the first division game between Middlesex and Royal Scots will be played to-day on the same ground at 4 p.m.

Indoor Bowling

U.S.S. Tulsa Beat Mindanao At Duck Pins

A FRIENDLY duck pin match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alley yesterday resulted in U.S.S. Tulsa beating U.S.S. Mindanao by 80 points.

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| J. K. Terry | 83 78 87 91 88 422 |
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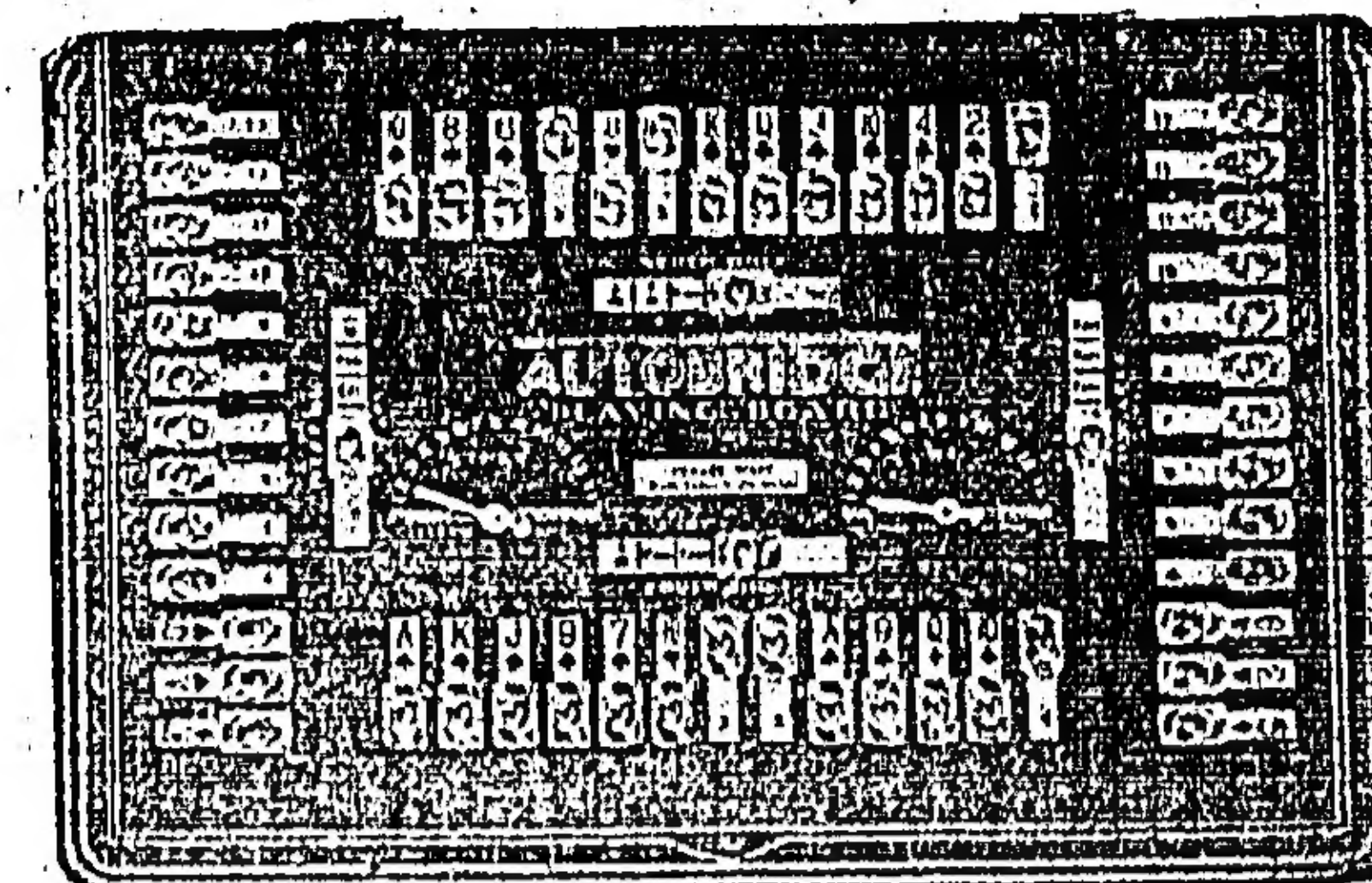
SINGLES HANDICAP In the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition, S. A. Ismail (plus 23) beat R. H. Duddridge (plus 9) by 135 points, 157-422, including his handicap and 87 level. Ismail scored 162, 174, 173 and 48, and Duddridge, 142, 140 and 134.

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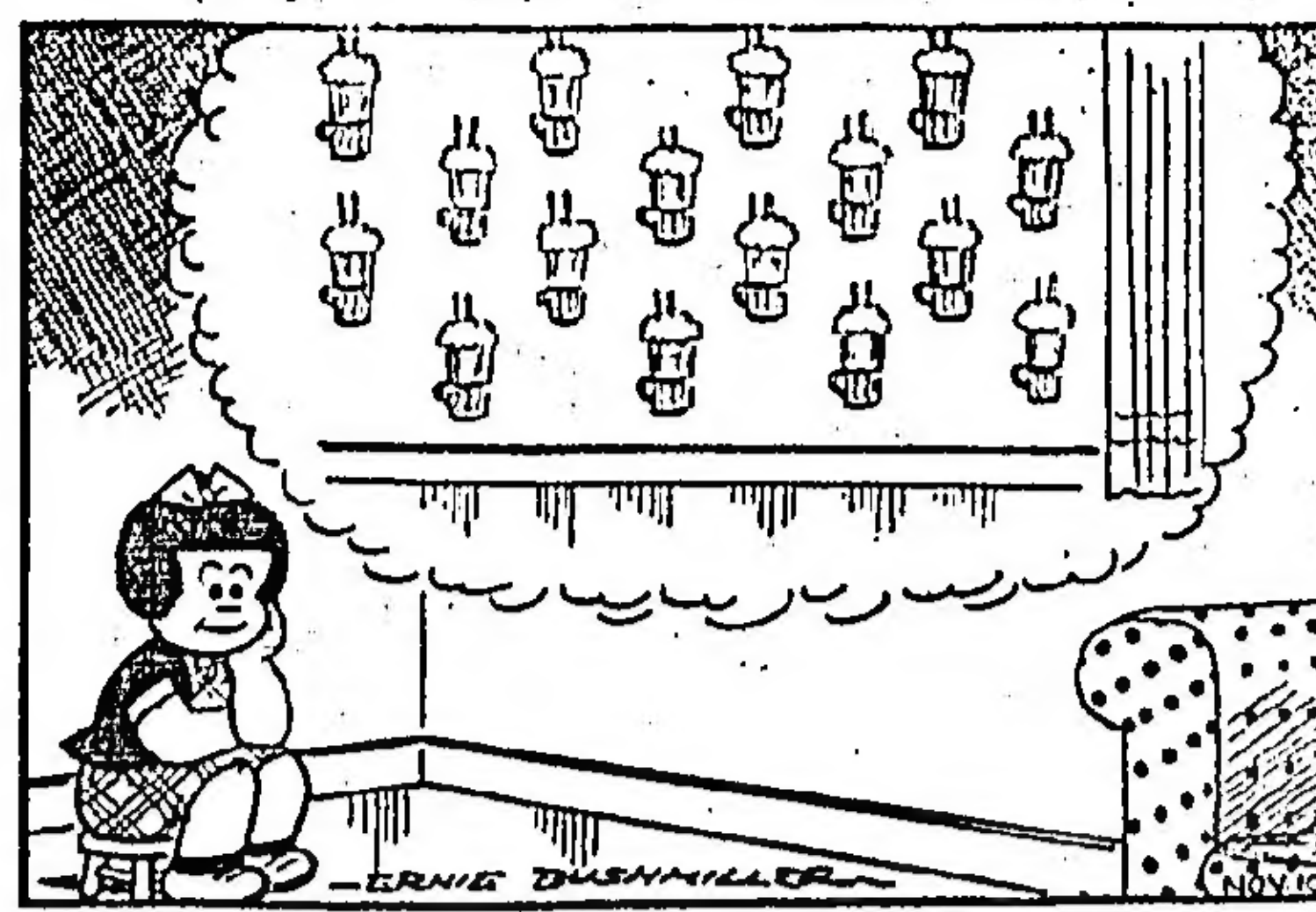
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By Ernie Bushmiller

Clown Admits
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A DESPERATE fight to escape the electric chair has been started by the Camden, New Jersey, Baptist minister, Walter Dworecki, who was convicted of abetting the murder of his 18-year-old daughter Wanda.

The actual murder was admitted by Peter Schewchuk, aged 21, a former circus clown, whose description of the crime made the jury rise in their seats with horror.

Schewchuk said that for 50 cents (2s.) and a promise of more he strangled Wanda and struck her on the temple with a rock to make sure that she was dead.

Money Motive

The motive of the crime was made clear, he said, because Dworecki showed him three insurance policies on his daughter's life for £539 and another accident policy for £2,000.

Dworecki, known among his friends as "Iron Mike," lost his nerve and alternated between sobbing and cold silence as he heard the story built up against him.

As the prosecutor made his final address demanding the death penalty, "Iron Mike" slumped in his chair and prayed, "Please help me, God."

Now he has filed an appeal.

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Official List

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"Mein Kampf" is one of the books listed under "Social and Political Science," but the selectors have preserved a completely unbiased attitude. The same category includes Karl Marx's "Capital," Douglas's "Social Credit," and books of every political complexion.

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The catalogue may be obtained from the National Book Council, 3, Henrietta-street, London, W.C.2 (post free, 3d).

Submarine, Holed, Could Not Submerge

ONE-GUN STEAMER
BEAT THE U-BOAT

THE SPIRIT OF TRAFALGAR LIVES ON.

"England expects that every man will do his duty," was Nelson's signal 134 years ago. And as the great victory which that message preceded was being celebrated in London came news showing that the same spirit and pluck are still with us.

Two British merchantmen ploughing their way through the Atlantic hundreds of miles apart are attacked by U-boats. Each gives battle with its only means of defence—a single 4.7 inch gun—prepared to fight to the end.

After a running fight lasting several hours, one is sunk. The other cripples its attacker, sees it finished off by a destroyer which races to the scene.

Three hundred men, women, and children, passengers and crew of another British ship torpedoed in mid-Atlantic, crowd into the boats without panic—and join

in singing "The Yanks are coming" as an American liner comes to their rescue.

A dramatic story of how the 4,204-ton British tanker London Trader not only kept a U-boat at bay for seven hours, but damaged it so badly that it could not get away, was told by Antonio Cutajar, a Maltese seaman.

"We were on a voyage from Bristol to South America when, early one morning, the submarine attacked us," he said.

"We at once brought our only gun into action, and so efficiently was it handled by the gun crew—both ex-Navy men—that the U-boat was compelled to keep her distance."

"Shot For Shot"

"But there were times when she was still near enough for us to see clearly the members of her crew manning the gun against us."

"For hour after hour we exchanged shot for shot, but the U-boat hit us only once, when one of our lifeboats was smashed by a shell."

"Then our gun crew got in a shot which holed the submarine below the waterline."

This meant that she could not submerge again, as she had done so often during the time she had been fighting and following us.

"Then, at about half-past two in the afternoon, a destroyer appeared on the horizon in answer to our signals and we knew that the U-boat was done for."

"The submarine crew tried to put up something of a fight against the warship by gunfire, but it was hopeless and very soon she was sent to the bottom."

"The crew were saved by the warship."

14, But Wasn't Scared

Equally thrilling was the story of the one-sided battle between the 5,000-ton West Hartlepool cargo boat Heronspool and the U-boat which torpedoed her after a running fight lasting several hours.

Frank Elders, the Heronspool's messboy, who told the story when the crew of 30 were landed in New York recently from the American liner President Harding, which rescued them, is only 14—but he wasn't scared.

"I was far too excited," he said. "We couldn't see the U-boat in the dark, but we started to dodge and zig-zag about."

"This went on for some time, and then the U-boat suddenly appeared quite close to us—so close I could see the officers smoking in the conning-tower."

"Smiling with lights, she told us to 'Heave-to' or U-boat then fired once across our bows, but we kept on trying to escape."

"For hours we dodged about and we were beginning to think we had beaten her when there was a tremendous explosion—the U-boat had submerged and had let us have it with a torpedo."

"We took to the boats. Ours leaked badly all night, and we couldn't have lasted much longer."

Kept On Singing

When the survivors of the British steamer Yorkshire (10,183 tons) were landed at Bordeaux recently from the American liner Independence Hall, they were still singing.

As the crowded rescue steamer was warped into the pier, the survivors crowded the decks cheering, and singing "God Save the King" and—as a tribute to their rescuers—"The Star-spangled Banner."

Altogether 300 survivors were landed, including members of the crew of the British steamer City of Mandalay, which was sunk at the same time.

Nearly 70 people are missing from the two ships.

Most pathetic among the survivors were Hazel Armstrong, aged six, and her brother, Kenneth, aged seven, who lost both their father and mother in the disaster. Also rescued was a four-months-old baby, Margaret Cole, whose mother is among the missing.

A Mr. Clements, a British subject, was buried at sea before the Independence Hall made port. Mrs. Clements is among the survivors. (Messages from Sunday Dispatch Correspondents, B.U.P., Exchange, and Reuter).

U-BOAT LOSSES
CONCEALED

The German newspapers recently poured scorn on Mr. Chamberlain's statement of British casualties in his review of the war situation in the House of Commons.

"They objected particularly to his denial of the German claim to have torpedoed his Majesty's ship Repulse. Referring to the report of Cmdr. Prien, whose U-boat made the Scapa Flow attack, most of the newspapers concluded:

"Let Chamberlain be told that we and the whole world believe more in the word of a German officer than in the words of the entire British Government."

The Press also ridicules Mr. Chamberlain's statement on the U-boat campaign, quoting him as saying that Germany had lost one-third of her submarines. So far Germany has not admitted the loss of a single submarine.

Field-Marshal Goering yesterday received Lt-Col. Prien, commander of the U-boat which sank the Royal Oak, and congratulated him and his crew in the name of the Air Force."

The Nazi Hoel

The greatest degree of irritation is being displayed in German official circles at the disinclination of neutral countries to show hearty pro-Nazi sympathies in replying to U-boat depredations on their merchant shipping.

The German Press constantly attacks by name neutral newspapers which it regards as insufficiently Germanophile.

The "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" denounces a considerable portion of its front page to a virulent attack on the Belgian newspaper "Independence Belge," because it published articles and photographs concerning the British and French armies.

The German paper concludes with thinly veiled threats against "Independence Belge" and "similar papers, not alone in Belgium," which do not come sufficiently to the Nazi heel.

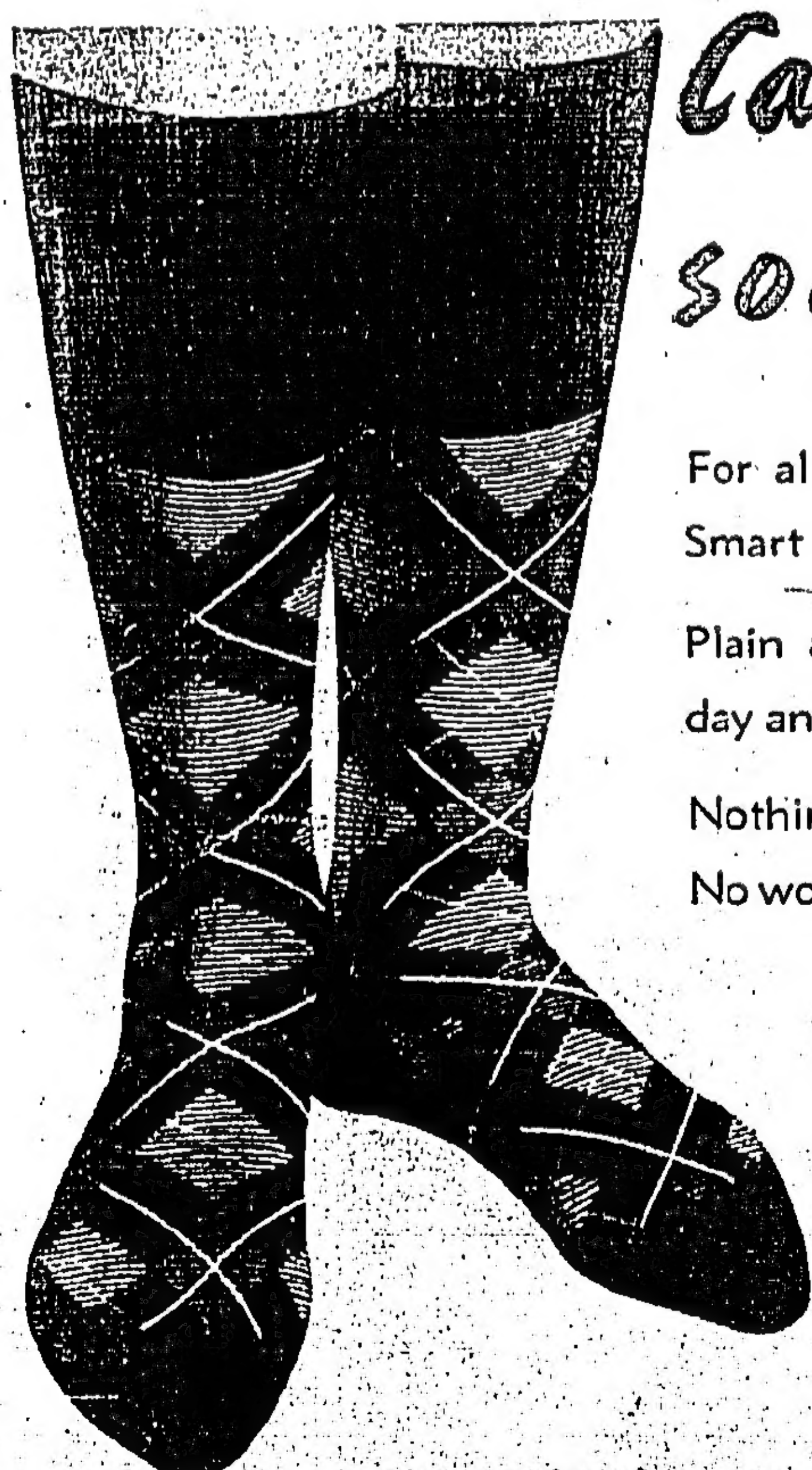
Foodstocks Destroyed

A fire in a big store house at Steintin, the nearest Baltic port to Berlin, destroyed enormous quantities of foodstuffs and grain, as well as large stocks of coal, straw and tarred felt. The warehouse had been rented by food wholesalers for the storage of supplies for the army and navy.

Best Of The Day

A brochure, entitled "How They Liel", to be distributed in neutral countries as well as Germany, has been published in Germany under official auspices. "They" refers to English propagandists, and the brochure consists mainly of English cartoons and photographs unfriendly to the Nazis.

English propaganda is said to be "perverse and criminal." "The whole world," says the brochure, "must know how Mr. Churchill and his gang of agitators lie."

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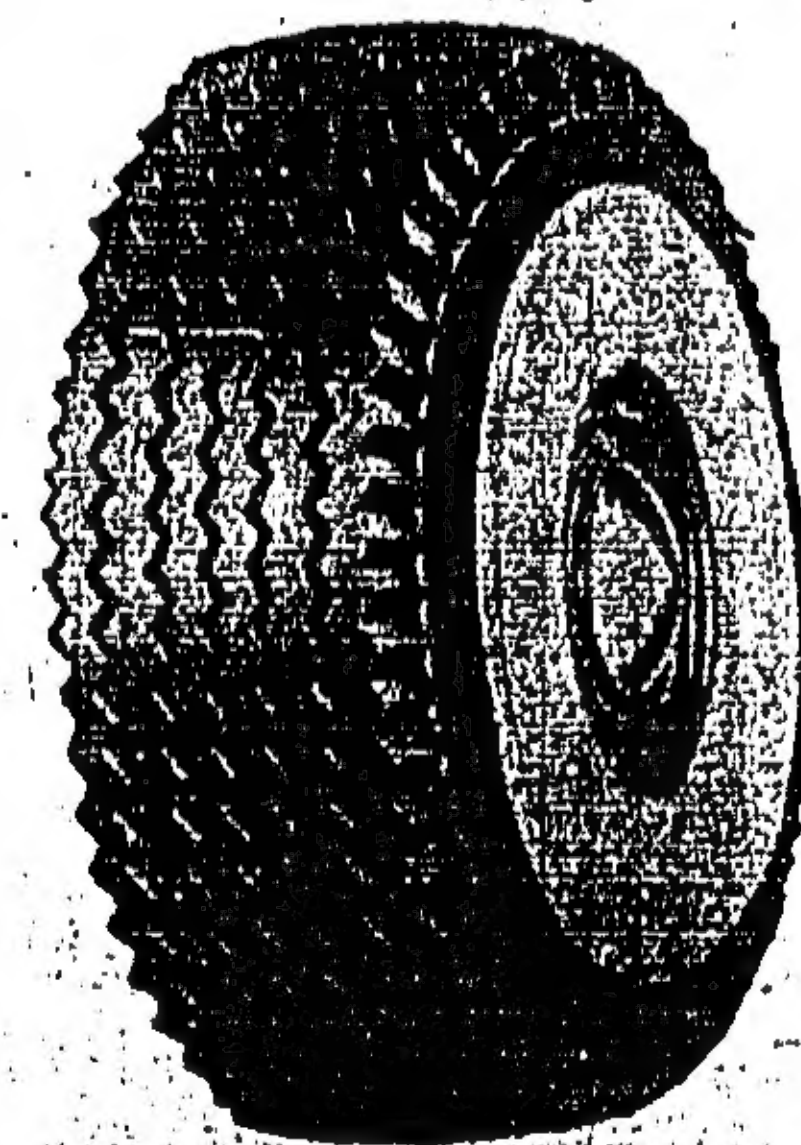
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Festive Season Plans

LOCAL DANCES

DESPITE the present troubled times in Europe these days there will be millions upon millions of people all over the world celebrating the festive season this year.

And Hongkong will not lag behind in enjoying the customary Christmas and New Year festivities.

Already the leading hotels and clubs in the Colony have arranged for gala dances, parties and various entertainments.

The Hongkong Hotel are holding dinner dances and gala nights on December 23, 24, 26, 30 and 31. The cabaret to be presented on those nights will include a special floor-show attraction by the "Six Gripps Graces" and other items by June West and Kay and the acrobatic dancer, Mignone.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Here is a list of dances and parties which have been arranged for the coming festive season.

Saturday, Dec. 16:—Children's annual Christmas party, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18:—Christmas Gala Dance, Cheong Cheong Club, 8.30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21:—Carnival Dance, St. Andrew's Club, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22:—Christmas dinner and party, Cheong Cheong Club, 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Wolf Cub's Christmas party, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23:—Central British School Students' Dance, St. Andrew's Church Hall; Dinner Dance at "Gripps"; Carnival Dance, Gloucester Hotel.

Sunday, Dec. 24:—Dance, Club de Recreio; Carnival Night, Gloucester Hotel; Christmas Eve Gala Night, "Gripps"; Christmas Eve Gala Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

Tuesday, Dec. 26:—Tea Dance, Craigengower Club; Children's Sports, Civil Service Club; Gala Night, "Gripps."

Friday, Dec. 29:—Carnival Dance, China Light Club.

Saturday, Dec. 30:—Carnival Dance, Gloucester Hotel; Dinner Dance, "Gripps."

Sunday, Dec. 31:—Dance, Kowloon Cricket Club; President's Dance, Craigengower Club; Carnival Dance, Gloucester Hotel; Dance, Club Lusitano; Gala Dances at "Gripps," Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Christmas Broadcast By The King

THE King will broadcast to his people on Christmas Day at the conclusion of a "Round the Empire" programme.

Plans are already being worked out by the B.B.C. and it is hoped that despite the difficulties of radio communication in wartime, it will be possible to take all the Dominion and Colonial contributions to the programme direct without using recordings.

On this special occasion a message from our ally France may be included. Various all-star programmes and world-wide relays (apart from the Empire programme) are to be arranged for the Christmas broadcasts. Shirley Temple, for example, will be heard by British listeners for the first time probably in the Children's Hour.

CHORAL CONCERT

THE Joint Choir of the Christ Church and the Hop Yat Church will present a choral concert at the Hop Yat Church in Bonham Road on Saturday, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The programme will be in two parts, the first comprising selections from "Creation" by Haydn, and the second, a variety of Christmas Carols.

The same recital will be repeated on Wednesday Dec. 20 at the St. Andrew's Church in Kowloon.

Poppy Growers Arrested

MONTREAL.—Three men are serving six-month jail terms here for cultivating opium-poppy on a farm near St. Jerome. The field, believed to be the first ever found in Canada, was burned by police.



The Six Gripps Graces, an attractive team of European dancers from Shanghai, who open a Christmas season at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday, December 23. The floorshow will also include June West and Kay, and the acrobatic dancer, Mignone.

World Broadcasts

THIS is the best time of the year for Hongkong radio listeners to receive programmes from stations all over the world.

Local listeners should clip out the following list of stations for reference.

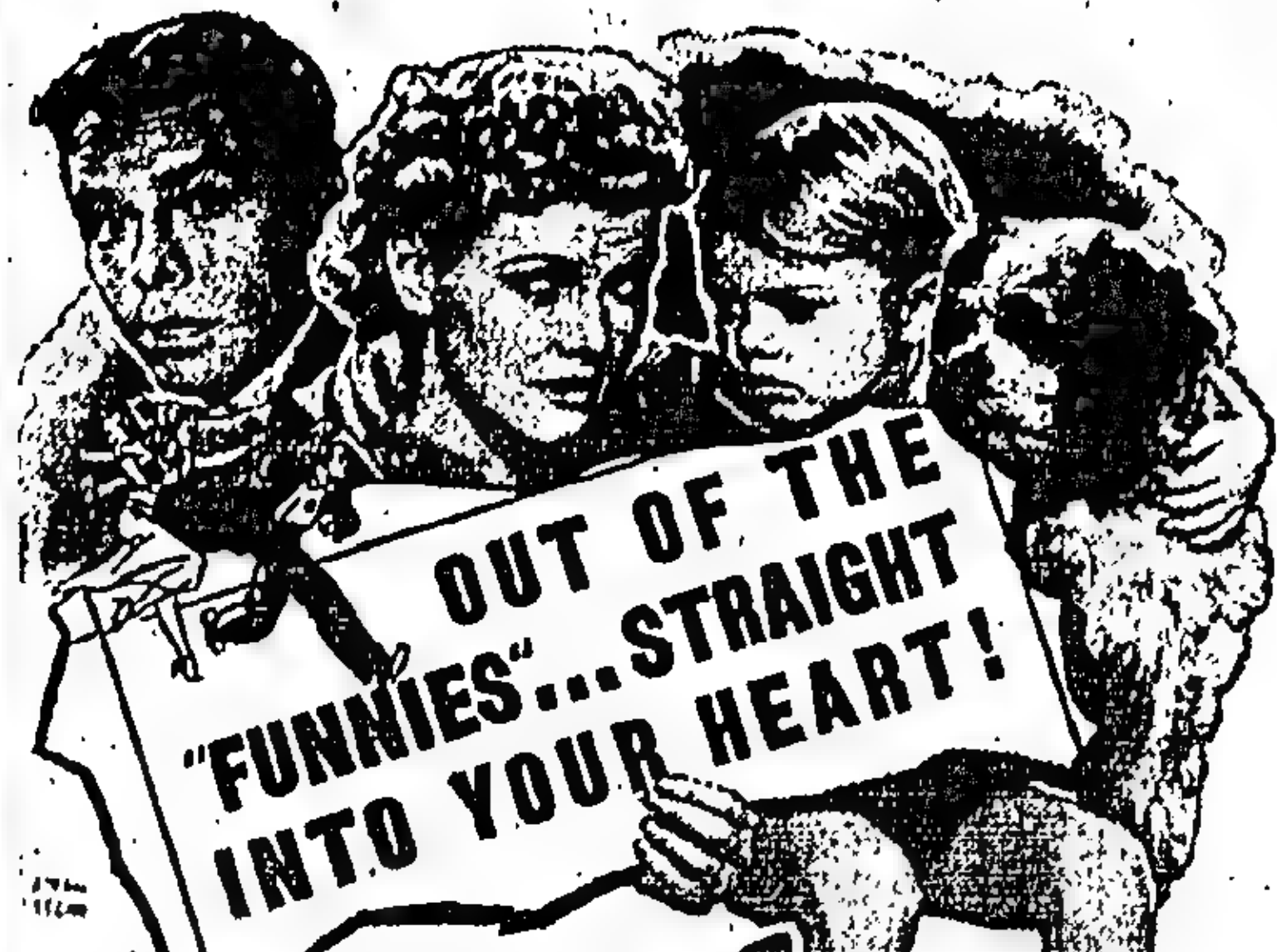
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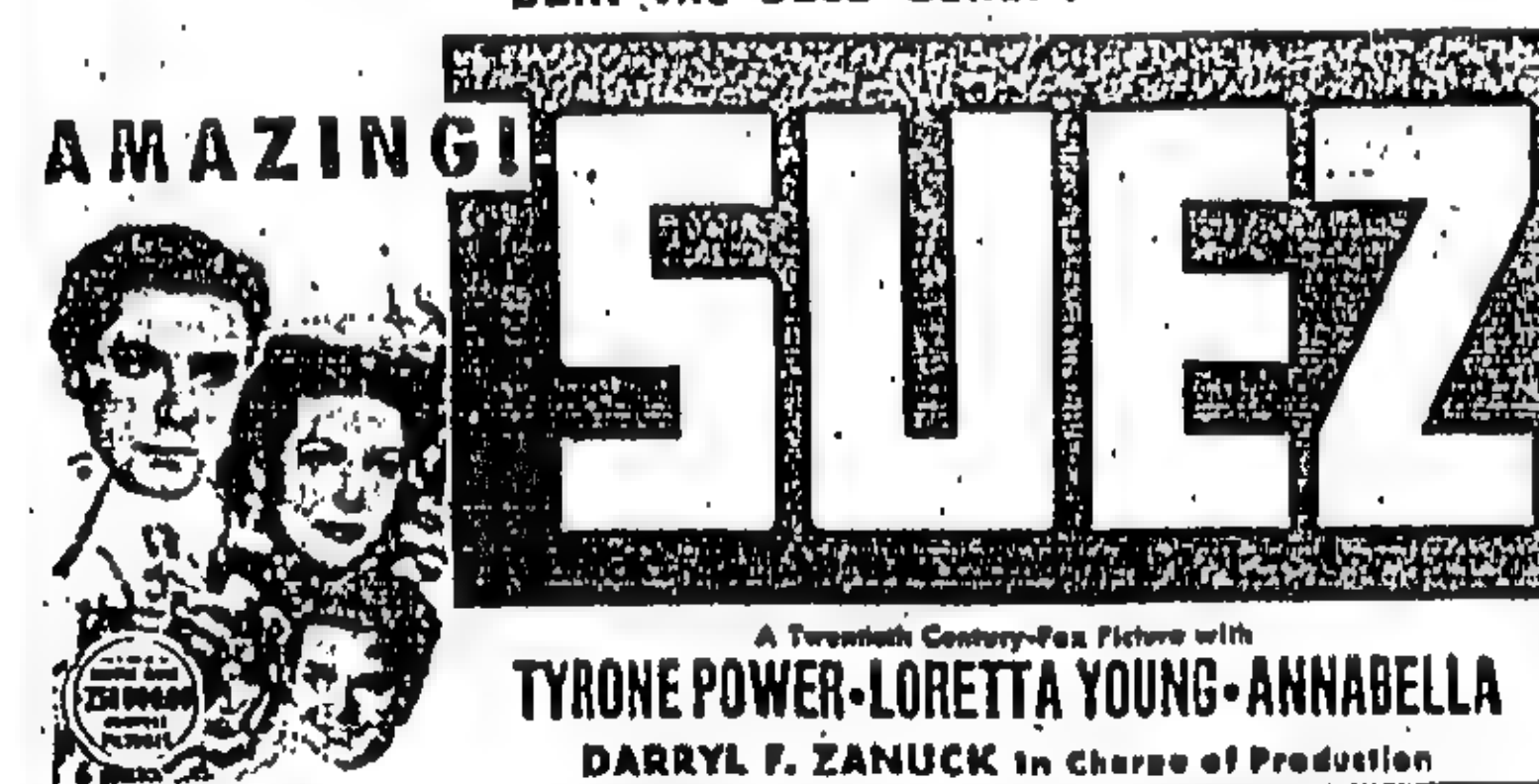
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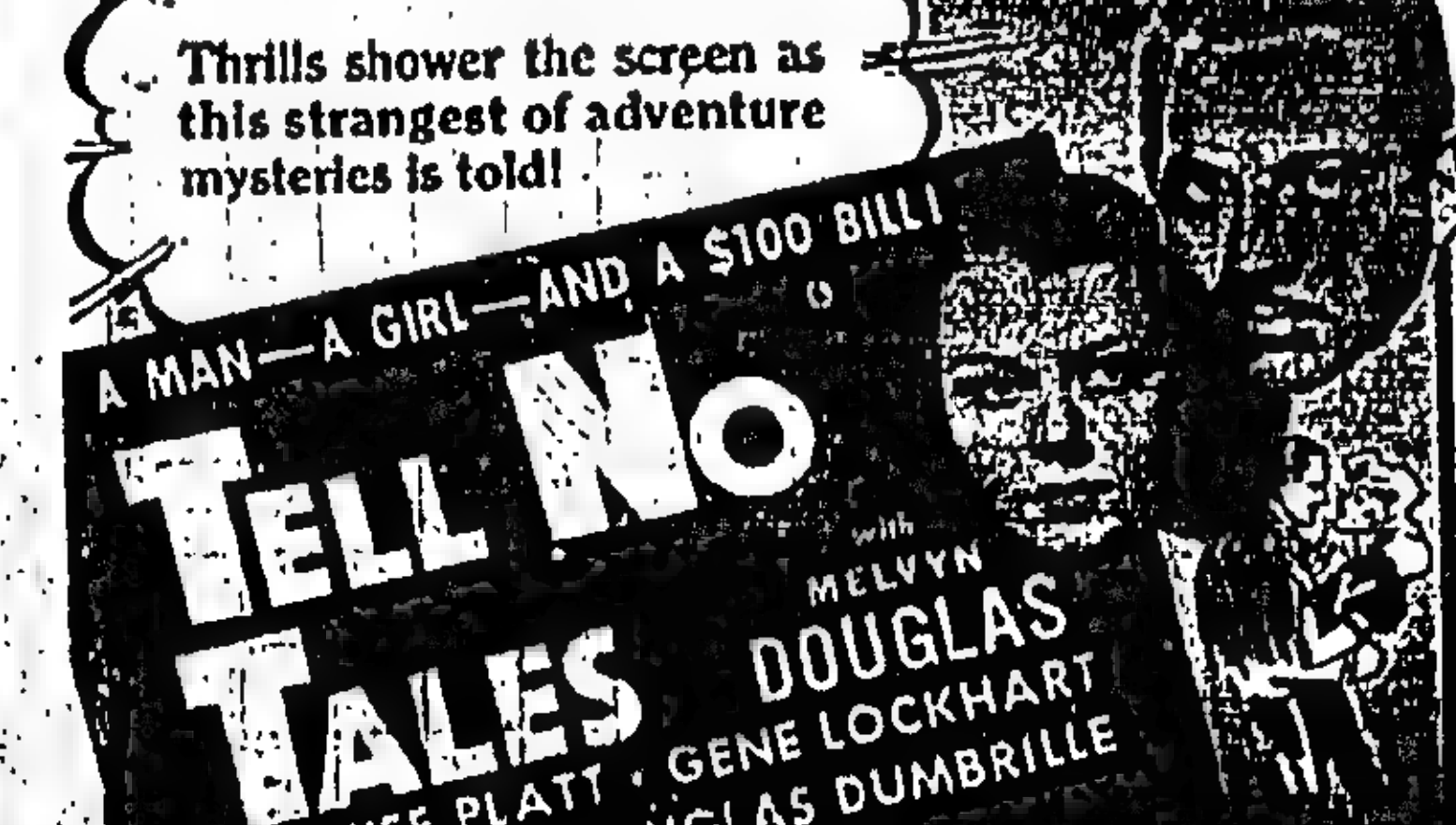
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SECRET CODEBOOK

Editor Heavily Fined For Radio Offence

"Strict observance of the Defence Regulations is extremely important," said Mr. Edwards at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when he imposed a fine of \$1,000 on Koo Pak-ming, 28, Editor of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, who pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a note book containing 22 sets of instructions for converting Chinese plain language into a secret code, and four sets of instructions for converting commercial wireless abbreviations etc. into means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording information.

A summons against Koo for breach of his broadcast receiving licence was heard at the same time. On this count he was fined \$250 and his set was ordered to be confiscated. Mr. J. J. Abbott, Crown Solicitor, said that on November 8, Mr. J. Key, wireless officer, visited Koo's home in Wyndham Street where he found the documents mentioned in the charge. The contents of a small note-book were 24 methods of conveying information in a waste-paper basket were a number of telegrams.

Mr. Abbott handed to Mr. Edwards a copy of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, with one of the telegrams found in the flat attached. He said that the newspaper used that telegram almost verbatim.

"Koo was obtaining news through his receiving set and putting the results in newspapers," Mr. Abbott concluded.

"Not Undesirable" Mr. Russ pointed out that the radio set was Koo's personal property and had nothing to do with the Wah Kiu Yat Po. He went on to say there was no justification to believe that Koo was in any way guilty of undesirable conduct. He had conducted his newspaper well and there was nothing in any leading articles written by him that was detrimental to the Allied cause.

Mr. Russ said it was extremely difficult for an editor to write an interesting leader every day, and Koo had used the radio to gather material for his leaders; nothing had been published that was dangerous to the forces or the authorities. He assured the Court that the code was an ordinary one, and had never been used in Hongkong.

Mr. Abbott asked Mr. Edwards to take a serious view of the case, as the radio was not an ordinary one, but one used for receiving communications.

"I have considered all the mitigating features of the case," said Mr. Edwards, "but the fact remains that strict observance of the Defence Regulations is extremely important since the outbreak of the war."

Mr. Edwards ordered that the code books seized were to be retained by the authorities for the duration of the war.

Mr. Abbott applied for part of the fine to be given as a reward to the person who gave the information leading to the charge. This was granted.

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INTERFEE ESCAPES

A daring escape by Chan Chi-cho, a 23 year old Chinese internee of the Mautuchung Camp took place early this morning.

He apparently escaped by using a 10 foot bamboo pole ladder placed against the barbed wire fence.

Police whistles gave the first alarm. A constable at the main gate of the camp is reported to have stated that only one man went over the fence.

Investigators entered the Y.M.C.A. hut in the camp and found that one was unoccupied although it had recently been used, judging by the warmth in the blankets.

PEACE OFFENSIVE

Count Ciano to Make Appeal This Week

London, Dec. 12. The Press connects Mackensen's return to Rome and M. Poncelet's return to Paris from Rome, with Hitler's peace offensive.

In many quarters it is believed that diplomatic activities and Geneva rumours are connected with German attempts to rally neutrals to the peace front and prepare the ground for definite peace proposals, concerning which Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, will make a speech on Friday or Saturday.—United Press.

Berlin Propaganda

Berlin, Dec. 11. The Der Montag says: "Every State which sent a delegate to the Geneva session was aware in advance that it was participating in an Anglo-French agitation organisation against Germany and Russia, and thus, in a one-sided front of the belligerent parties," the editorial said. "The very fact that such a session, which is only aimed at stirring up and oppressing neutrals, is held on the territory of a neutral State cannot be reconciled with the law of neutrality which Switzerland has always defended with particular energy. In the further course of the negotiations, all neutral States will notice that in Geneva they are completely under the domination of England and France; because, apart from Soviet Russia, neither Germany, Italy, Spain, the United States or Japan are represented."

The editorial did not appear in the later editions of Der Montag and other morning newspapers did not comment on the League session.—United Press.

TESTING EGYPT'S DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—British and Egyptian land, sea and air forces are now engaged side by side in a combined exercise testing Egypt's defences.

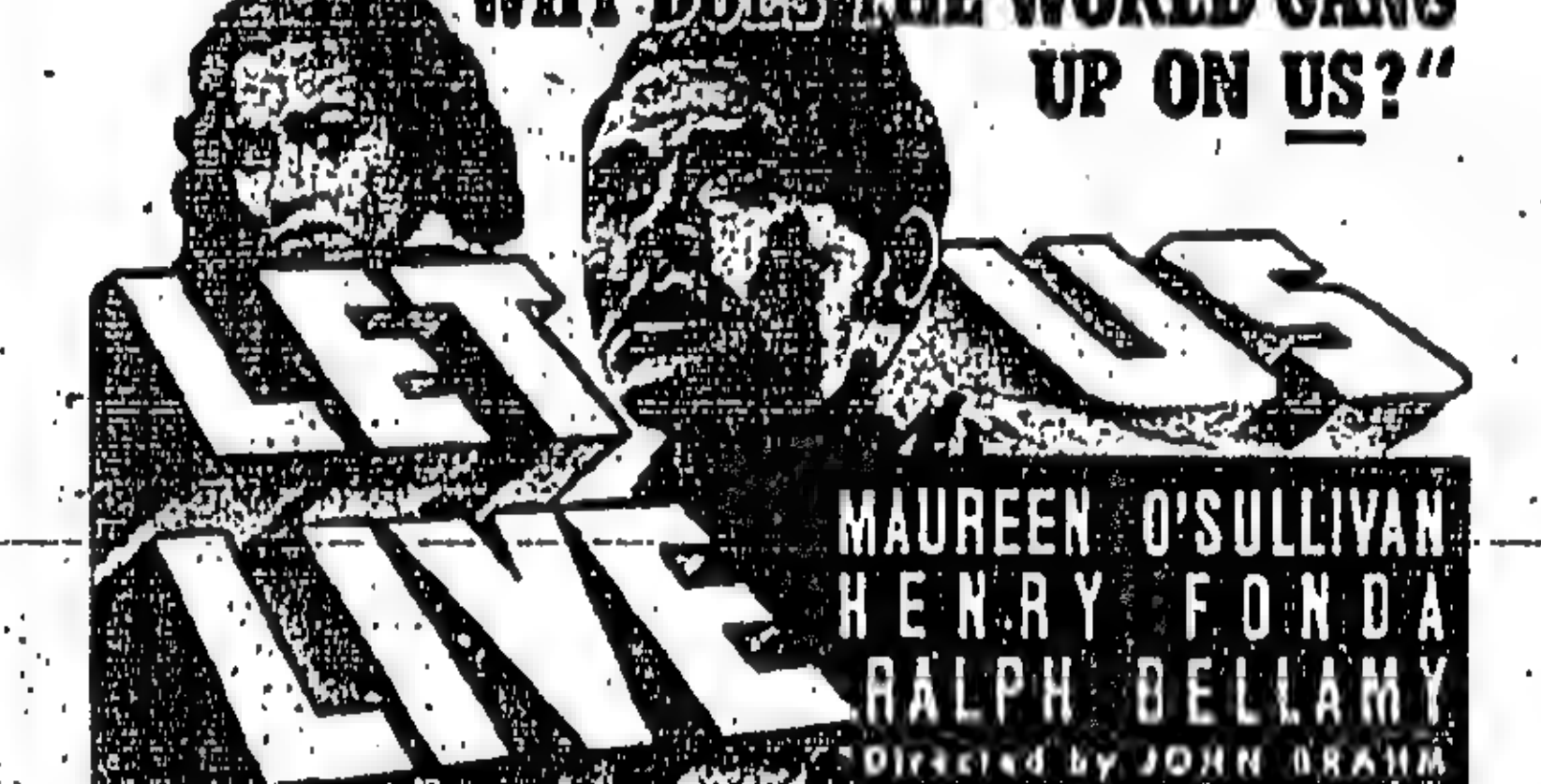
A test black-out was held last night over the whole of lower Egypt and the Canal Zone, where the exercises are taking place.

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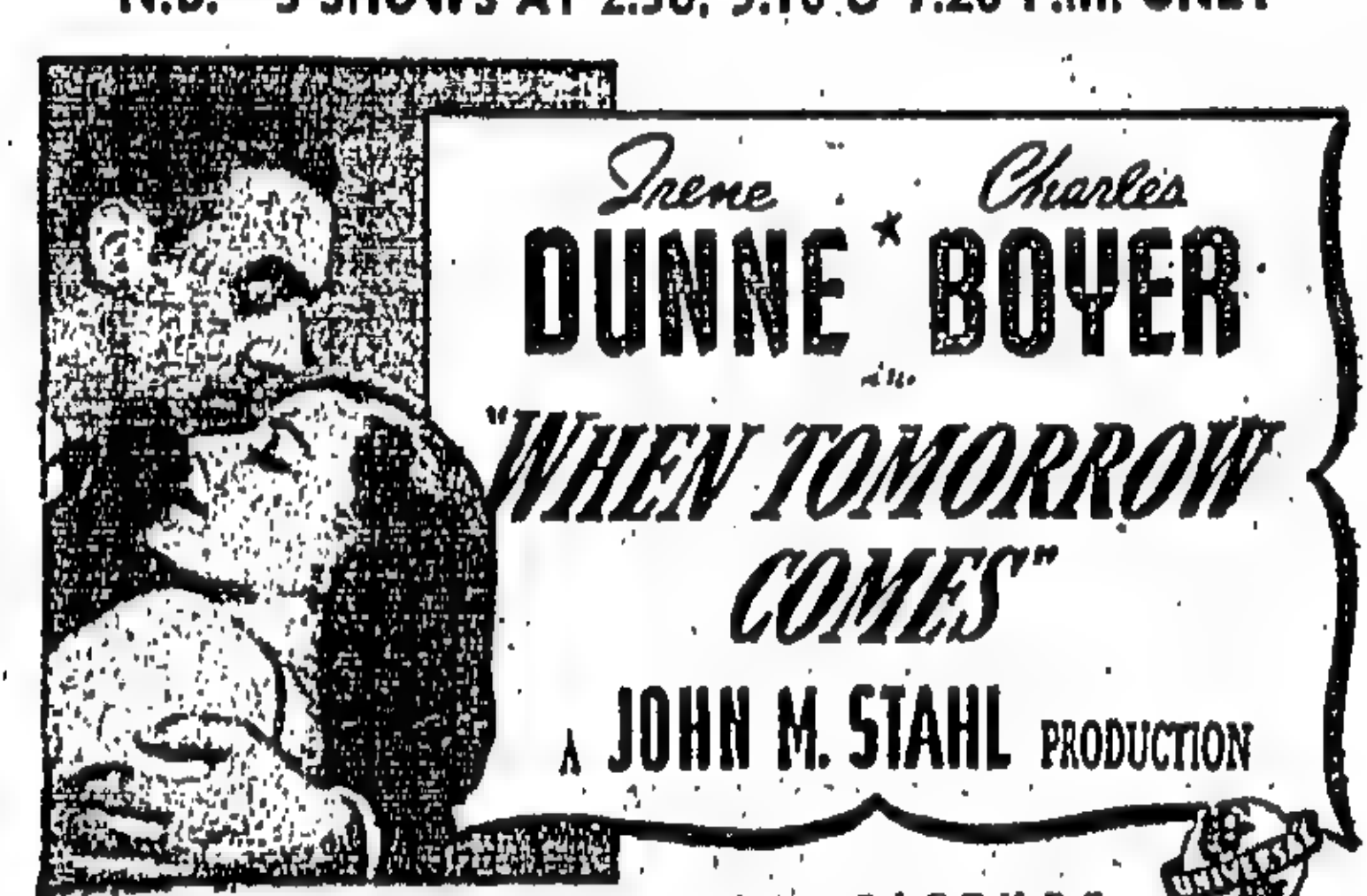
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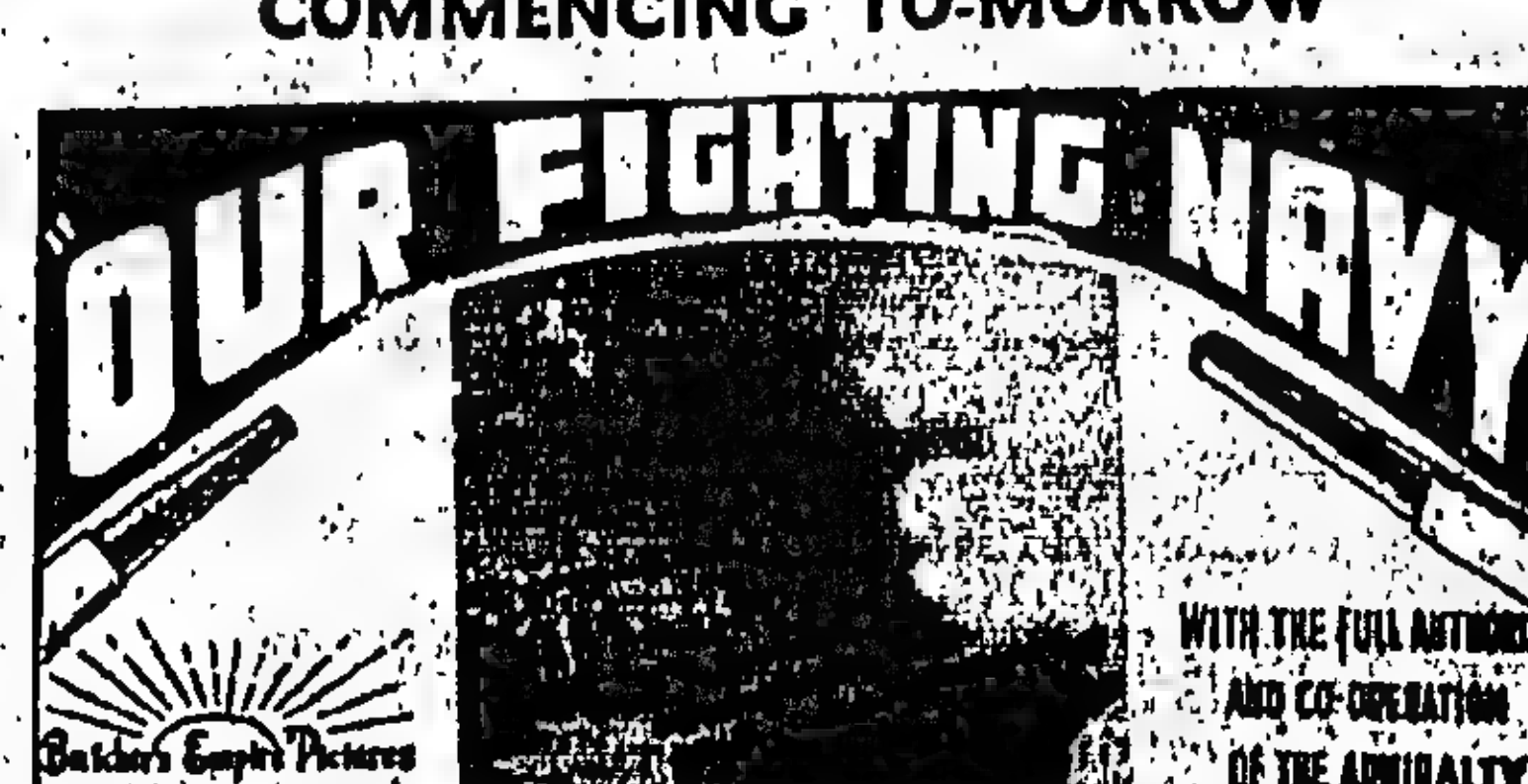
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Mandates Provide New Problem For League

JAPANESE SEIZE PACIFIC ISLANDS

International "Control" Ends

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (UP).—Japan, whose resignation from the League has already become effective and who refused to return the mandated territories entrusted to her by the League, has now apparently seized the strategic Pacific Islands as part of the Japanese Empire.

Tokyo has apparently rejected all semblance of international control in the former German islands.

For the first time, she has failed to submit the annual report regarding administration of the islands to the Permanent Mandates Commission. Japan agreed, with other Mandatory Powers, to submit reports on the territories under mandatory control when she took over the islands.

VIOLATION

It is understood that the Permanent Mandates Commission considers Japan's failure in this respect to be a violation of the "Mandatory" clauses in the League Covenant.

Japan has thus set the League Council another problem which must be dealt with sooner or later.

The League Covenant says:

"In every case of mandate, the Mandatory shall render to the Council an annual report in reference to the territory committed to its charge."



THE JAPANESE MANDATES, showing their strategic position in the Pacific.

"The Mandatory will not be permitted to establish fortifications or military or naval bases, and will also secure equal opportunities for the trade and commerce of other Members of the League."

Swing To The Axis And—

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (Domel).—The Italian Embassy in Tokyo has issued a statement, re-affirming the solidarity of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

The statement says:

"Although Italy is maintaining a non-belligerent attitude in Europe, she is according spiritual assistance to Germany in the current European conflict."

The statement confirms the text of the manifesto issued by the Fascist Grand Council on Friday.

—Swing (Axis) Music

ONE of the tunes broadcast from Radio Rome last night was "Won't you change partners and dance with me?" They call it "Compagna mia" (My partner).



Here are the first pictures to be published of a British prison camp for Germans. Above, you see captured U-boat men, guarded by troops, filling sandbags. And where is this camp? Its site is an official secret. It is "Somewhere in England."



A sentry with fixed bayonet (above) stands on guard outside the barbed wire enclosure in which the German prisoners are exercising.

SCANDINAVIA MAY BE NEXT Invasion By Nazi Believed Possible

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, ships equipped for transporting troops and war material are being concentrated at Hamburg and Bremen.

The broadcaster comments that these reports might indicate that Germany is planning a landing in Holland.

"No League Action, If You Please!" BRITISH PRESS ON FINLAND'S APPEAL

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British Press is principally taken up with the League Assembly at Geneva.

While the justice of Finland's appeal is fully recognised, there are serious misgivings as to whether the League will be able to take effective action.

The "News Chronicle" stresses the fact that Britain and France today are the only two great Powers in Geneva. They are fully engaged in a major war.

Smaller nations could expect no similar assistance if they got into trouble over the application of sanctions.

Many of the smaller nations too are primarily concerned with maintaining their own neutrality.

Berlin The Root Trouble

The "Daily Telegraph" feels that there was hardly a less favourable time for the exercise of the League's authority. But the root of the trouble lies not in Moscow, but in Berlin. Sever that root and the offshoots will weaken.

The Allies are doing the world's work and will be wise if they do not allow any resolution which the League, in its righteous indignation,

Britain And France Pool Cost Of War On 3-2 Basis

PARIS, Dec. 13 (UP).—For the first time in their history, Great Britain and France are to pool all their resources.

M. Reynaud, the French Minister for Finance, has announced that an Anglo-French financial and economic agreement of an unprecedented nature has been signed by the two Allies.

The agreement will be valid until six months after the signing of a peace treaty.

Under this agreement, Britain and France will pool the cost of the war.

War costs will be based on each country's national wealth.

Britain will pay three-fifths of the total costs and France will pay two-fifths.

Other points—

1.—There will be no change in sterling and franc parities for the duration of hostilities;

2.—Each will supply the other with necessary amounts of their respective currencies without gold deliveries;

3.—France is authorised to spend its sterling holdings in sterling areas. Britain may spend its franc holdings in the French Empire;

4.—Expenditure in the United States, or in gold countries, will be equitably shared;

5.—Neither will issue a foreign loan, or contract credits, without the approval or support of the other;

6.—Neither will impose new import restrictions against the other, either for reasons of protecting markets or for monetary considerations, for the entire duration of the war.

7.—Both signatories will co-operate in maintaining price levels;

8.—In addition to sharing war costs on the 3-2 basis, both countries will extend financial assistance to Third Powers, and will pay on an equitable basis for the maintenance of the Polish Army.

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'LEAGUE INTERFERENCE AN INSULT'

Soviet To Quit League: Rejects

"Ultimatum"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, DEC. 12 (DOMEL).—FORESTALLING POSSIBLE EXPULSION BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, THE MOSCOW GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS RESIGNATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW HOURS, ACCORDING TO A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE FROM MOSCOW.

Complete silence prevails in Moscow regarding the League "ultimatum."

Neither the press nor Moscow Radio have been permitted to comment. The Soviet appears to be completely ignoring Geneva.

"ULTIMATUM" REJECTED

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (UP).—It is officially announced that M. Molotov, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, has categorically rejected the League "ultimatum" and offer to mediate.

The rejection was contained in a formal telegram to the League, in which Molotov also referred to his letter last week to M. Avenol, Secretary General of the League.

In this letter, Russia expressed the opinion that the convening of the League to hear Finland's appeal constituted an "insult, since Soviet Russia does not recognise the Helsingfors Government."

The League's time limit for a Soviet reply to the ultimatum elapsed before any official confirmation of the reply was despatched.

An official spokesman confirmed the receipt of the League's message but denied any knowledge of the time limit.

The Soviet Union had not replied to the League's ultimatum when the deadline expired at 8 p.m. A Soviet delegate at Geneva told "United Press" that the Soviet would not reply. He insisted that the Soviet was unable to recognise the present League session, which "constitutes a breach of the League Covenant."

The League Assembly meets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday to discuss the Soviet invasion of Finland and also the Russian expulsion from the League which the Argentinean delegate is scheduled to present in an eight-page document in the form of a speech asking for unconditional expulsion of the Soviet. Unconfirmed reports reaching the League Secretariat state that the Soviet will resign rather than submit to pressure. It has also been learned that the Soviet Under-Secretary to the League has been in conference with leading members of the League when he is reported to have explained the Soviet position.

Committee's Report

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Moscow was given until 10 o'clock to PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

GERMANY AIDS REDS

Assistance In Finland Blockade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Germany is now assisting in the Russian blockade of Finland.

It is confirmed in London that the Nazi Government is making use of Germany's strategic position to prevent essential war supplies from sympathetic countries from reaching Finland.

Germany is openly proclaiming that she is holding up orders placed in neutral countries before the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Finland.

Germany came out openly on Russia's side shortly after it was announced in London that the British Government was granting British firms licences to export war materials to Finland.

U.S. Aids Finland

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt told a Press conference that the American Red Cross is spending over \$500,000 for European relief, of which \$25,000 was sent to Finland and \$16,000 applied to purchase medicines in London for Finland.

MAN RE-ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

After Discharge By Magistrate

The Police took an unusual course this morning of re-arresting Hui Fuk-sing, formerly cook on the s.s. Seistan, on a charge of murder, after the same charge had earlier been dismissed.

The alleged murder occurred outside the Douglas Wharf on October 30, when Pun Yau-sze was stabbed to death.

Hui Fuk-sing was arrested and appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy on a charge of murder. He was, however, discharged on Saturday as the Magistrate considered that a jury could not convict on the evidence.

Hui was re-arrested and brought before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. In bringing the case forward, Mr. Shaftain said: "Defendant was re-arrested and re-charged with the

knowledge and consent of the Attorney General on a charge for which he was discharged by Mr. Edwards on Saturday. The Police take the view that Pun Yau-sze is dead as a result of a stab wound inflicted by defendant under circumstances which are not held to be justifiable homicide. On these grounds we have taken the unusual course of re-arresting defendant so that he may be tried before another Magistrate. "Mr. Abbott, who prosecuted in the case before Mr. Edwards, will again take up the prosecution before another Magistrate. A formal remand of one week was made, the date to be fixed later."

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Art of Camouflage Hides Batteries from The Germans

BRITISH FRONT BRISTLES WITH HIDDEN GUNS: MEN ALL READY

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS,

"Daily Telegraph" Special War Correspondent
With the B.E.F. in France

There are plenty of guns along the British front, but so cleverly are they hidden in barns, villages, and fields that the passer-by gets no hint of their presence.

None has yet been fired, except one that went off accidentally the other day, to the great humiliation of the battery concerned.

But if and when it becomes needed there is artillery in sufficiency to support and protect the troops at present manning the front line positions.

The mud of the last few days resulting from the heavy rains has to some extent slowed down the process of getting the guns into position, but excellent progress has been made and the tractors and four-wheel drive lorries used to haul artillery have proved fully capable of standing up to the mud of Flanders.

The art of camouflage has improved a great deal in the last 20 years, and factors of colouring geographical background and light and shade are taken into account nowadays with far more technical knowledge than was the case in the last war.

Camouflage nets, many of them I understand woven by Scotch fisher girls, are of excellent quality and afford fine protection.

One heavy battery with long-range guns which I visited to-day was scattered around a group of farmhouses, but so well were the guns concealed that it was not until I was almost on top of them that their presence became noticeable.

Around the battery the ordinary life of the village was going on as usual. Farm carts laden with crops creaked in and out of the courtyard while dogs and children played with the gunners or accepted scraps from midday meal.

But when the battery starts to fire it may become necessary to evacuate some of the local residents lest the force of the explosion damage surrounding buildings or break glass windows.

Of the heavy artillery it is perhaps wise to say little except that it is sufficiently provided and well armed.

The gunners with the British Expeditionary force are in fine fettle.

Czech Distrust Of Everything Nazi

AMSTERDAM.
The fear of everything German that grips the Czechs is illustrated to-night by a despatch from the Prague correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraaf".

Crowds of frightened mothers have in the last few days patrolled the corridors of Czech schools where the children were to be inoculated by German doctors against diphtheria. Nothing could be done to calm them.

The Czech Minister of Health issued a statement that the serum used was not a German product, but came from the State health institute. Results had been excellent in the cases of 850,000 children.

Even this had no effect, and further inoculations have been postponed.



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WOMEN WILL BEAR ARMS

—Says Judge

TACOMA. — Women seeking United States citizenship were instructed by Federal Judge Lloyd Black that in event of war they would have to bear arms, just like men.

Conducting a citizenship examination, Judge Black said: "In the past, when women have been asked if they would take up arms, many of them have said they would mainly because they felt there was not the slightest chance they would ever have to do such a thing. Times have suddenly changed."

Hitler's Film Star Friend Arrested

Leni Riefenstahl, the German film star and friend of Hitler, has been arrested by the Gestapo, says B.U.P., quoting a Paris wireless report.

Fraulein Riefenstahl was chosen by Hitler to produce the official film of the Olympic Games which took place in Germany in 1936.

She is an old member of the Nazi party and has been described as one of the few women to possess Hitler's confidence. Once she said that she "grew up with the party leaders in their great ideals."

Dr. Werner Gregor, the German Consul in Glasgow, left the city two months before the outbreak of war. "The excuse given for his departure," said Mr. Dollan, "was that he was returning to complete his military service, but many of us suspected that he was going back with a dossier of information regarding commercial and industrial activities in Glasgow and the West of Scotland."

"Dr. Gregor" added the Lord Provost, "ran at least three classes for the presumed study of the German language, but really for Nazi propaganda, and he was probably the only consul in the city who contravened the diplomatic rules by engaging in active political propaganda."

REPLY TO NEW NAZI CANARD

Germans Detained In British Prison

Allegations made by the German radio that certain Nazis who, it was claimed, were consular officials, had been ill-treated in a Scottish prison camp, were refuted and described as "absolutely untrue" in official quarters in London recently.

The people concerned were Herr Liebski, Herr Apfelstet, and Fraulein Wagner, all of whom lived in Glasgow. They were known to the authorities in London to be notoriously active members of the Nazi party, and a day or two before the war it was considered by the authorities that it was necessary in the public interests that they should be placed under detention. It was not then known that there was any claim that these three people were consular officials. The Foreign Office had not been notified that they had consular status.

The authorities therefore decided to take measures under the Aliens Order, which enables the Home Secretary to issue a deportation order against any alien if it is considered desirable. The three people were taken to a remand prison, where they were treated as remand prisoners—that is, as prisoners awaiting trial. The German wireless alleged that while they were in this prison they were subjected to indignities, and had to wear prison clothing and work like convicts.

These allegations, it was stated yesterday, were absolutely untrue. The three persons were, in fact, given every possible consideration. Germany made representations to the effect that they possessed consular status of some kind. The Foreign Office looked into the matter, and, although the German contention was never accepted, the three Germans were released from prison. All three, it is understood, have now returned to Germany.

A Suspect Consul

Commenting on the allegations, Lord Provost Dollan recently

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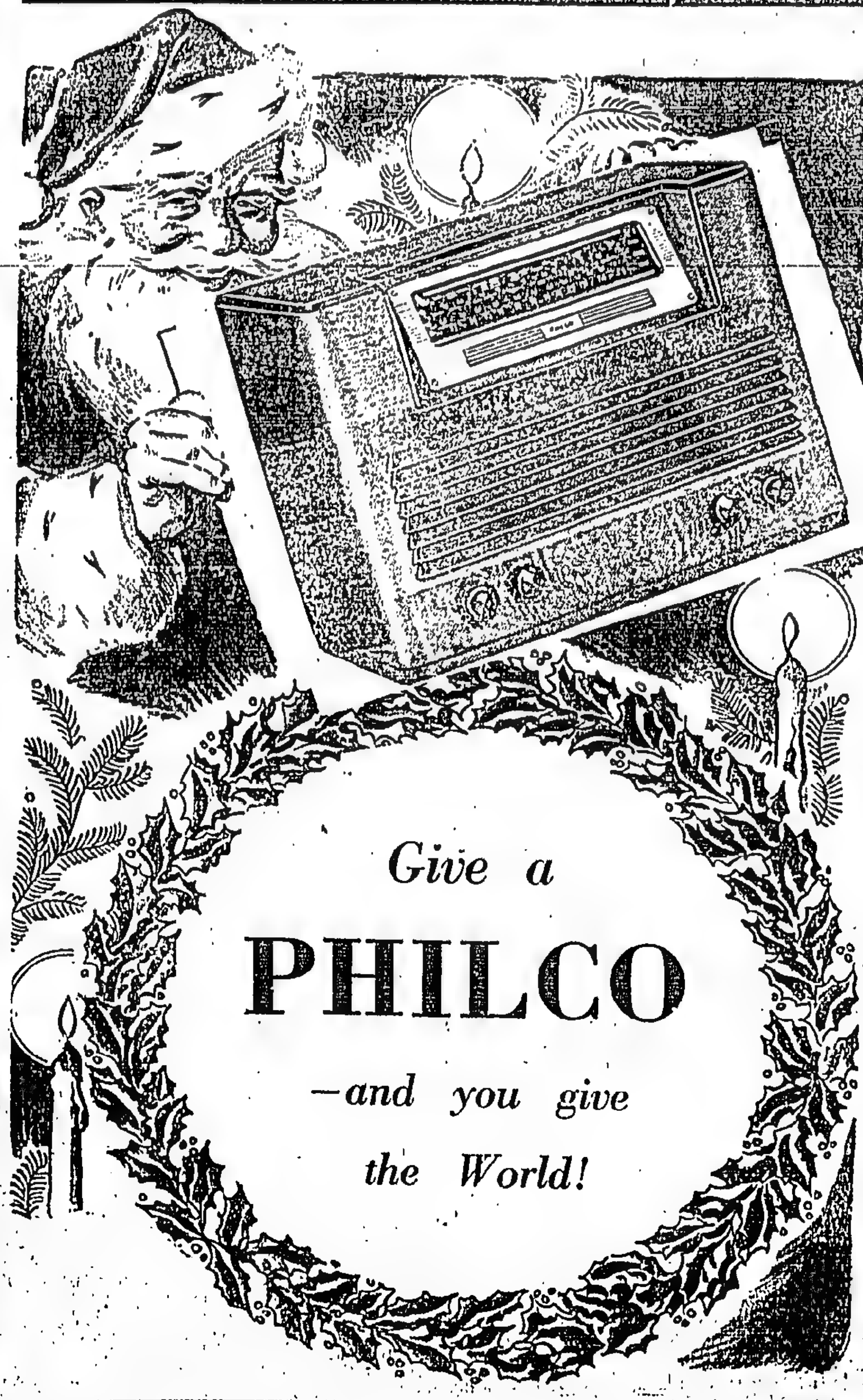
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Two Kinds Of Nazi Soldiers

THERE are two kinds of German soldiers on the Western Front—those who are fed up and those who are fanatical.

A distinguished French journalist who is a lieutenant in a front line unit said this recently.

"The ordinary Reichswehr fight without mettle," he said.

"They do just the minimum amount needed to report to their officers afterwards that orders had been carried out."

"On several occasions I attended the examination of prisoners after capture. They always answer all questions willingly but one."

"They will tell you without any difficulty about their units and the names of the commanding officers, where they were before, and so on."

'No' To Politics

"They will even describe accurately the emplacements of their machine-guns and the situation of their command, all sorts of things which they must know are valuable to us and dangerous to their own comrades."

"But once you switch over to politics and try to find out what they think about the war, the Nazi regime, and things like that, these men become cautious and reluctant."

But there is also a quite different category of German soldier, he explained—the special shock troops which have been used recently by the Germans for during reconnaissance raids and attacks.

100 Per Cent.

These are obviously 100 per cent. Nazi. They fight hard and will repeat their attacks two or three times in face of murderous fire, notwithstanding their losses.

"It is very difficult to make prisoners among them," he said. "When forced to retreat, they carry back their wounded and even their dead rather than leave them in enemy hands."

"They are recognisable by their black uniforms, so that we always know just beforehand what sort of an enemy we shall have to deal with and whether the fight will be easy and short or stubborn and long."

Complete Story of Rawalpindi's Gallant End

EPIC STORY OF FIGHT WITH GERMAN RAIDER

Bible Outselling "Mein Kampf" In Germany

The Bible is outselling "Mein Kampf" in Germany now. A private report of the Prussian Bible Society which has reached us reveals that since the Nazis came into power the sale of the Bible has outstripped Hitler's magnum opus by 200,000 a year.

Although the Bible is not encouraged, it is not definitely barred. German Protestants are re-acting more strongly against Nazi paganism.

Russian engineers are on their way to Friedrichshafen, Germany, to study methods of building Zepplins. This confirms a report to the effect that Germany intends to try out Zepplins for transporting oil and other goods from Russia, since she is experiencing so much difficulty in getting them by rail.

At the same time the Soviet is planning to produce 50 high-grade films during 1940. Two of these, we learn, are to be anti-Nazi.

Trouble is brewing in Hungary over Ruthenia, former section of Czechoslovakia ceded after the dismemberment.

The majority of the population is anxious to join Russia. They are being swayed by propaganda. Hungary is considering a plan to give Ruthenians a greater measure of autonomy to pacify them.

In view of her claims to Rumania's Transylvania, Hungary cannot afford to let trouble develop in a part of the country where she has a big Ruthenian minority, otherwise she would be weakening her claim to the Rumanian territory where there is also a Rumanian minority.

Fashionable women of Berlin and other German cities are being asked by the authorities not to dress too well when out in the daytime, to avoid the criticism that they are "unpatriotically dressed."

Mounting Snake 20 Year Job

PRETORIA.—The skeleton of a reptile that lived in the middle Permian period 220 million years ago has been mounted in the Transvaal Museum. The work of mounting the skull, 28 vertebrae, shoulder girdle and the right hind leg has taken 20 years.

Air Recruits in Quebec

MONTREAL.—Recruiting for the Royal Canadian Air Force is under way in Quebec Province. A new call has been issued for skilled technical men in almost a dozen fields, and the recruits are being signed on at recruiting offices in Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec City.

THE following is the complete text of the Admiralty account of the fight between the Rawalpindi and the German warships:—

The armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi, manned by merchant seamen, reservists and pensioners of the Royal Navy, and by men of the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, was forming a part of the Northern Patrol, by which the contraband control of German trade is enforced. This duty is particularly arduous on account of the long, dark nights and severe cold, and required for its performance large vessels of good sea-keeping qualities, capable of enduring the frequent storms.

At 3.30 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday, November 23, when cruising to the south-east of Iceland, she sighted an enemy ship. Captain Kennedy, having examined this vessel through his glasses, said "It's the Deutschland all right," and the crew were immediately ordered to action stations. Course was altered to bring the enemy on the starboard quarter. Smokestacks were lit and cast into the water to enable the Rawalpindi to escape. However, a second enemy ship was soon seen to starboard.

The Deutschland, approaching, signalled to the Rawalpindi to stop, and when she continued her course fired a shot across her bows. As this warning was rejected, the first salvo was fired by the 11 in. guns of the Deutschland a little after 3.45 p.m. at a range of 10,000 yards. The Rawalpindi replied with all her four starboard 6 in. guns.

The third salvo from the Deutschland put out all the lights and broke the electric winches of the ammunition supply. The fourth salvo shot away the whole of the bridge and wireless room.

Ship In Flames

Both the German ships were now closing rapidly, and by this time the second had come round the Rawalpindi's stern and was firing from the port side. The Rawalpindi maintained the fight until every gun was put out of action and the whole ship ablaze except the fore-castle and the poop.

After about 30 to 40 minutes of this unequal combat, about 4.15 to 4.25 p.m., the enemy ceased firing, and three boats which were not shattered by shell-fire, one of which became waterlogged, were lowered. Two of these boats, containing over 30 men, were, it is believed, picked up by one of the German ships.

The 11 survivors, who have been brought in by the Chitral, swam to the water-logged lifeboat and would probably have been picked up but for the fact that at about 0.15 p.m. the approach of a British cruiser caused the enemy to immediately withdraw. The Rawalpindi continued to burn amidsthips until 8 o'clock, when she turned turtle to starboard and foundered with all remaining hands.

Meanwhile the British cruiser attempted to shadow the German ships, but in a sudden heavy rainstorm and the darkness of the night they made their escape from the scene.

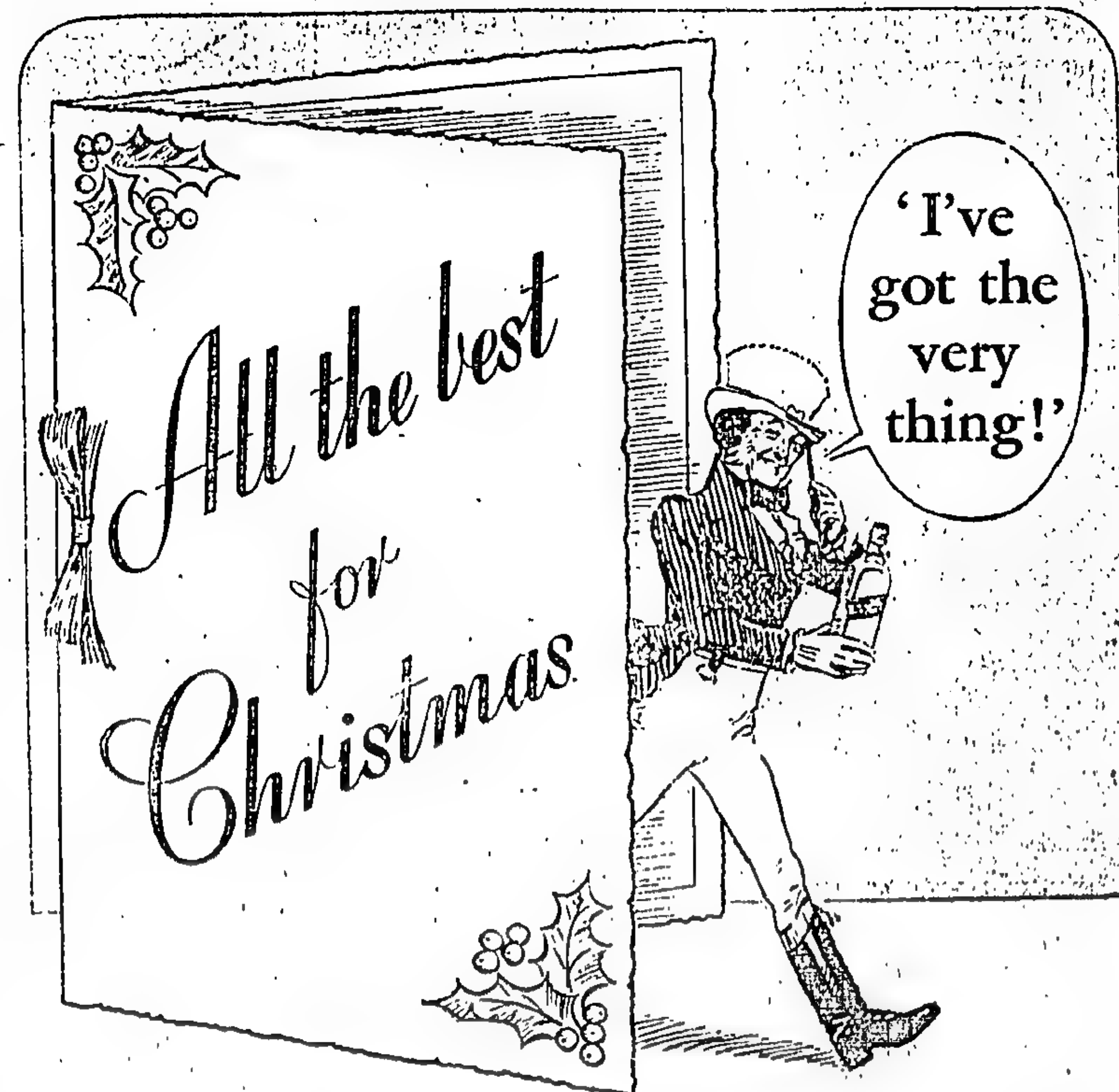
This account is given from the narratives of the 11 survivors picked up from the water-logged boat by the Chitral, and is, of course, subject to correction in detail. It is, however, sufficient to show that the Rawalpindi made a most gallant fight against overwhelming odds, and went down with her colours flying.

The search for the two enemy warships is continuing in tempestuous weather both by night and in the brief hours of daylight.



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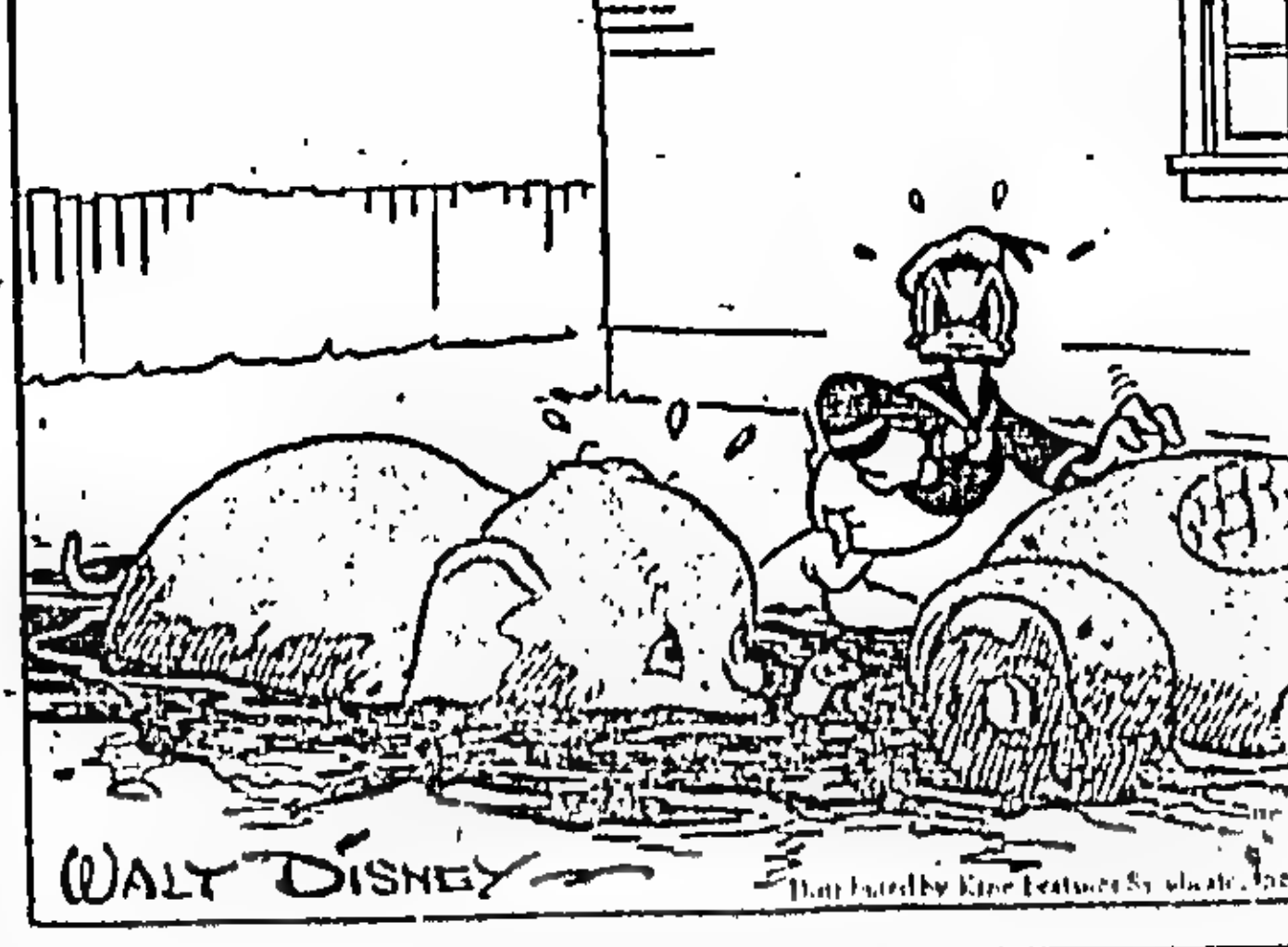
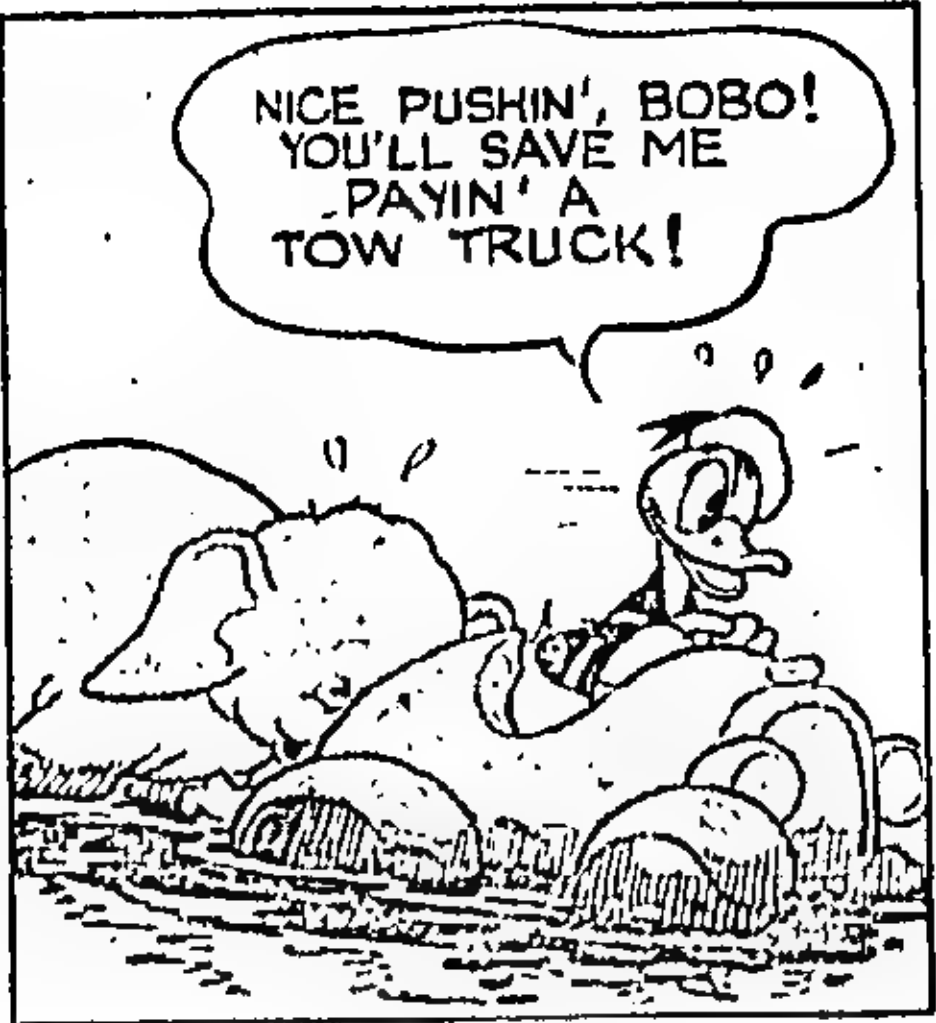
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CHINESE
REFUGEESSlight Decrease In The
Hongkong Camps

The numbers of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps in urban and rural areas of Hongkong are given officially as follows:

In urban areas—King's Park 1,302 for the week ending December 9 as compared with 1,307 on December 2; Matuchung 1,078 as compared with 1,100 and North Point 1,410 the same number on December 9.

In rural areas, soldiers—in hospital eleven on December 9, as compared with eight on December 2 and Mitauchung 750 as compared with 733.

In rural areas—At Kiu Tin 1,012 on December 9, as compared with 1,054 on December 2; San Uk Lin 738, as compared with 720 and Gills Cutting 377, as compared with 384. The grand total on December 9 was 7,566 as compared with 7,633 on December 2 showing a decrease of 67.

Aid for Other Camps
The Director of Medical Services acknowledges the receipt of \$600 from the Tsung Tsin Refugee Relief Association towards the relief of refugees in the camps at Lushalling and Lokmachau.

In addition, 100 240-lb. bags of rice have been given by the Chairman of the War Relief Sub-committee, Wai Young Merchants Association.

Blaze In
Shaukiwan

The first and second floors of two houses in Nam On Street, Shaukiwan, were gutted by a fire that broke out after 2 p.m. yesterday. The conflagration is believed to have started in a kitchen.

Fanned by a strong wind, the fire spread to the adjoining house, but all the inmates escaped. The stumps were of wood but the walls were of brick, which helped the firemen's work of checking the blaze.

The street being a narrow one, there was room for only one fire engine, but hoses were extended from other appliances in the main street. Factories for making buttons were on the ground floor of the burnt houses.

HONGKONG-BUILT SHIP
New Vessel for Australia To
Be Launched Next Week

A new ship is to be launched on December 21 at the Kowloon Docks. She is the Karun, built here for the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company, Ltd., of Sydney, Australia.

The launching and christening ceremony will be performed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, and special provision has been made to convey guests to the Docks to view the event.

Validating
PassportUnited States Checks Up
On Citizens in Soviet

Moscow, Dec. 12.
American citizens queued up at the Embassy and submitted to finger print photographs, pursuant to the new regulations requiring them for validation of passports.

It is estimated that 150 Americans reside in the Soviet Union engaged in legitimate business; these are eligible for validation by imprint of the finger prints of the consul, Mr. Angus Wards, on their passports.

In addition to the 150, there are another 150 whose status is doubtful, owing to dual nationality or protracted expatriation. They must choose immediate repatriation or loss of American protection or Soviet citizenship.

Mr. Steinhardt, American Ambassador, validated his staff's passports by applying his own finger prints.—United Press.

FINE FRENCH EFFORT

The French community in the Colony have now collected \$25,000 for the French War Fund.

French women in Hongkong will organise a bazaar in aid of the fund in March, it is announced. Details of the bazaar will be announced later.

250,000
Aspirins for
the B.E.F.

From PHILIP JORDAN
News Chronicle War Correspondent with the B.E.F.
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

Lying in rooms in which, less than two months ago, week-end travellers from Britain were playing boules and baccarat, are the first British casualties of this war. None of them are serious; and most of them are road-accident cases.

Beds, each with its own locker, bed-table and temperature chart, fill the theatre, the concert-hall and the old gaming room, whose ornate candelabra, hanging from the high ceilings, are now the only relics of this building's former gay purposes.

Here are some figures of stores that have already arrived for this hospital and others not yet completed:

250,000 aspirin tablets.
12 cwt. of Epsom salts as well as 20,000 tablets of the same stuff.
740lb. of iodine.
500lb. of castor oil.
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350,000 quinine tablets.
100,000 ampules of antitetanus serum.
30,000lb. of lint.
30,000lb. of cotton-wool in one pound packets and as much again in compressed bales.

Nor is this all. The medical storekeeper claims that he can supply whatever diet the doctor may order a sick man. He has even carried coals to Newcastle in the form of cases and cases of champagne brought here from England.

"AUSSIES"
ARE ON
GUARD

CEASELESS patrol of the Australia coast by warships and planes is reported by the Australian Navy in its first war bulletin.

"Trade routes and merchant shipping are being protected," the bulletin states, according to B.U.P. "Vessels are being searched for contraband."

"The Navy has been ready to meet instantly enemy attacks. There will be no relaxing of vigilance."

Nearly 8,000 Australians, it is stated, are on active service with the Navy.

Coast Watch
On the outbreak of war, seagoing personnel of the Navy numbered 5,440 officers and men, in addition to 200 fleet reserves and retired officers who were called up for service immediately.

A voluntary coast-watching service has been set up to cover Australia and Australian territories. "Australian naval activity" has been and is being carried out in concert with the British Admiralty, the Commanders-in-Chief of the China, Malaya, and New Zealand stations, and merchant shipping.

NURSES
IN FRANCE
Watch Football In
Spare Time

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE

English women are rare in the fighting zone of the British Army, but to-day I found seven standing in a row cheering a football match. The corporals were playing the sergeants, and the match was even and fiercely contested.

Around the pasture behind the little French village stood a scattering of soldiers and officers, chiefly R.A.M.C. men from the casualty clearing station which has just been set up partly under canvas and partly in commandeered buildings.

The afternoon was fine but cold. The seven women, all they told me, from London nursing homes, were the nurses attached to the hospital, and as they stood there in their trim grey uniforms they were entirely unconscious of the fact that theirs was the privilege of being the Englishwomen nearest the fighting line.

Later we walked down the muddy lane together and they showed me the little chateau where they all live under the supervision of a matron, a veteran of the last war.

Cosy Sitting-Room

Meals are taken in a cosy sitting-room, and when I put my head in through the door I saw knitting on the table, a cat asleep by the fire, and a kettle on the hob. Upstairs were comfortable, if chilly, bedrooms in which the nurses sleep two to a room. Their meals are taken together apart from the officers, who have a mess in a farm house across the village street.

The wards are so far empty of battle casualties, but they have already 80 cases of soldiers suffering from various "civilian" ailments, such as influenza, appendicitis, strains and fractures, and tank drivers injured in tank manoeuvres.

The station has a capacity of 200 men-but-can-be-readily-expanded-if necessary. Equipment includes a complete X-ray unit and a generating truck that can provide electric light for the whole clearing station. The personnel includes three padres, one Roman Catholic, one Church of England, and one Methodist.

Camouflaged Bakery

Another interesting army activity I visited to-day was the military bakery set up in 32 tents, where bakers in white overalls make thousands of loaves a day. The bread I tasted was delicious, and the head baker told me the Army is now turning out 75,000lbs a day of such bread for the troops.

Outside the tents stood long rows of ovens each inscribed in chalk with a woman's name presumably the wife sweetheart of the baker. The tents were beautifully camouflaged, and I asked the camouflage officer attached to G.H.Q., formerly an artist in London, who happened to be there supervising the last strokes of paint on the tented scenery, how he went about his work.

Road vehicles and guns come out from England already camouflaged, but buildings, gun emplacements, headquarters and all manner of field units require the expert advice of the camouflage officer to render themselves invisible.

The camouflage officer acts as an adviser and after a careful inspection of the surroundings instructs what colours and what style and pattern they should be painted. A plane is at his disposal, and from this he examines the sites both before and after the job of camouflaging is completed.

He told me with some pride that when he flew yesterday over the bakery at 2,000 feet the pilot of his plane said he could not see it at all.

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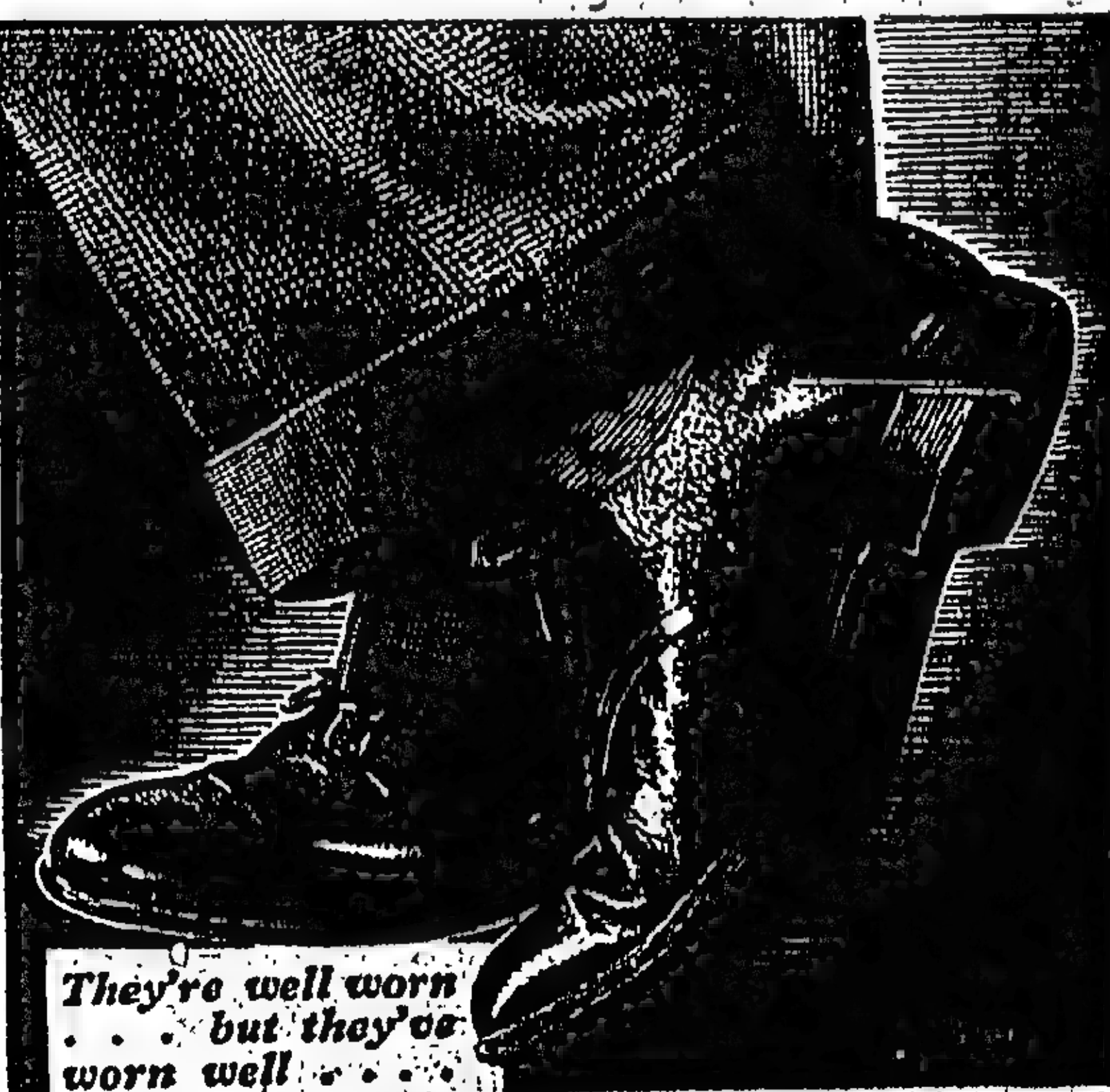
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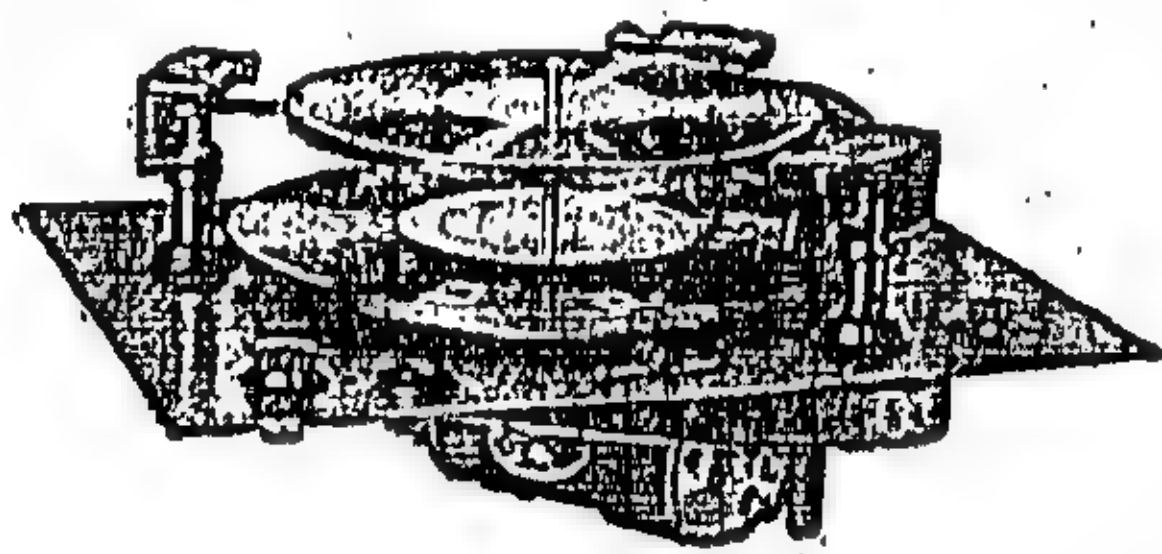
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Fire Traps

NOTHING more disappointing
has occurred in recent years in
Legislative Council than the
eloquent silence at last week's
meeting concerning the Shang-
hai Street fire tragedy. Presu-
mably the loss of more than
two score lives, caused by the
destruction of tenement fire
traps, is not to be regarded as
anything more than an affair
between tenants and landlords.
To this view we cannot sub-
scribe. This is just as urgent a
matter of public concern as any
departmental campaign for
saving lives from cholera or
small-pox.

There might be some excuse
for apathy if the public could
reasonably hope that the Yau-
matli disaster is unlikely to
occur again; but these gruesome
events have too often happened
in the past to permit such a
mollifying hope. The plain
truth is that while buildings of
the Shanghai Street type are
permitted to exist—even per-
mitted to be constructed anew—
there will be in Hongkong an
ever-present danger of disaster.
If the death toll was 46 last
week, it is but one chapter of
human sacrifice in a lost list of
such tragedies which have be-
come part and parcel of our
history.

The conscience-saving theory
that "life is cheap" can be
acceptable to no one, whatever
stratum of society be affected.
Government has openly confessed
the necessity of a vast im-
provement in housing conditions
in Hongkong and not even war
on two continents will encourage
us to believe that the problem
has become less important,
either with regard to the welfare
of the vast majority of Hong-
kong's populace or as it affects
the good name of the Colony.

A pseudo-fatalistic attitude
to destruction of life and property
in Hongkong may be a comfort-
able method of evading responsi-
bility, but it is a miserable
method of government.

The final answer, of course, is
wholesale slum clearance and the
erection of proper habitable
tenements with modern fire-
proof facilities. But there are a
various number of temporary
measures which could be effected
forthwith, and which would at
least do something to mitigate
against these appalling fire
tragedies. Enforcement of
these measures should be
Government's immediate con-
cern.



"ALL I WANT IS PEACE!"

The Premier Made A Speech

Bring the full text of the Premier's broadcast on November
25, and which was air-mailed to Hongkong.

THE following is the
full text of the Prime
Minister's broadcast:

"The last time I broadcast
to you was on the 3rd of
September, and it was to tell
you that we were at war
with Germany. The catas-
trophe which I had striven
so hard to prevent had come
upon us, thanks to Hitler's
unbridled ambition, and there
was nothing left for us to do
but to set our teeth and, with
our friends and Allies, to put a
stop to this policy of domination
which had so long disturbed the
peace of Europe. I had always
hoped that it would never fall
to my lot to have to make that
decision, but when the time came
I did not and could not hesitate
to take it, for I knew that the
liberties of all free peoples and
our own were at stake.

"And to-day, after just twelve
weeks of war, I am speaking to
you again, happily with health
and strength unimpaired and
with complete confidence in our
ultimate victory. Of one thing
you can be sure. We shall not
follow the German example of
either concealing our own losses
from you or of inventing enemy
losses which do not exist. We
told you of the loss of the
Courageous and the Royal Oak,
and to-day you have heard of
the sinking of the Rawalpindi.
None of these losses affects our
overwhelming naval superiority, and
we shall tell you frankly what is
happening even when the truth is
unpleasant, and we shall never re-
frain from publishing news except
when it would be helpful to the
enemy to have it.

"Up to the present the war has
been carried on in a way very dif-
ferent from what we expected.

"We need not attribute the re-
luctance of the Germans to begin
a great land offensive or to at-
tempt a series of mass attacks
from the air upon this country
to their humanity. We have had
plenty of evidence that no con-
siderations of humanity deter
them from any form of warfare
that they think will bring them
some advantage.

"They must therefore have come to
the conclusion that at present they
would lose more than they would
gain by such attacks, and they have
preferred to use methods which they
think can be employed without serious
loss to themselves.

The Magnetic Mine
"The latest of these methods, as
you all know, is the sowing of a new
kind of mine indiscriminately in our
home waters. It matters nothing to
the German Government that what
it is doing is contrary to international
agreements to which it has subscrib-
ed. It matters nothing to that Gov-
ernment that it is daily blowing up
neutral ships as well as British, and
thereby drowning or maiming citi-
zens of countries with which Ger-
many is not at war. Germany hopes
by these barbarous weapons to cut
off our supplies from overseas and
so squeeze or starve us into submis-
sion.

"You need have no fear that this
attempt will succeed. Already
we know the secret of the
magnetic mine, and we shall soon
master it as we have already
mastered the U-boat; and in the
meantime, despite some losses
our convoys are still moving
steadily in and out of our ports,
and they will continue to do so
thanks to the courage and skill

of the men in our Merchant Navy
and in the warships which escort
them.

"It may be that some of you who
are listening to me are yourselves
serving at sea in His Majesty's ships
or in the vessels which maintain our
supplies from overseas. I should like
you to know what we are thinking
of you and of the perils of storms
and of a ruthless enemy that you are
facing day and night. Upon you has
hitherto fallen the brunt of the war
and we cannot be sufficiently grateful
to you for the cool and steadfast
courage with which you have carried
on your tasks. We do not forget that
the safety of these islands depends
on the untiring watchfulness of our
seamen, as it has done ever since
the days of Queen Elizabeth.

"Others of my listeners may be
serving in the Army, some in distant
garrisons overseas, some in France,
some again keeping perpetual vigil
over their guns on the home front.
For you the time for conflict has not
yet arrived, but we know that you
are cheerful and enduring the monotonous
and discomforts that inevitably attend
the routine of preparation, and that
when the day of battle comes you
will be ready to meet it as your
fathers were before you.

Tribute To The Air Force
"And as for you who are serving
in the Air Force, our youngest fight-
ing Service, you too have an impor-
tant part to play in the defence of
the homeland as well as in the defeat
of the enemy's forces. We have
watched with pride and admiration
your gallant exploits in those aerial
combats in which you have already
taken part, and we feel confident
that you will be more than equal to
any demands that may be made upon
you.

"I do not forget that I have to-night
a still wider audience, and that my
voice will travel to all the peoples
of the British Empire. I wish that
I could speak to each, and thank
them for their support so freely and
so swiftly given. We entered the
war to defend freedom and to estab-
lish peace. These are the two vital
principles of our Empire, and the
Empire's unity to-day gives us the
moral as well as the material strength
to win them.

"And now I want to speak to those
among you who are listening to me
from your homes in the towns and
villages of Great Britain. Many of
you are engaged on one form or
another of National Service, often at
great sacrifice to yourselves. Others
are serving our country no less use-
fully on the land, in mines and fac-
tories, in hospitals, in offices, in your
own homes and in numberless other
ways. Whatever your work may be,
I know well that in greater or less
degree the war has interrupted and
affected your daily life.

"Some of you are already mourning
the loss of those who were dearest
to you. For such grief as yours no
words of mine could pretend to afford
consolation. I would say only this,
that I know no cause more worthy
of the supreme sacrifice than that for
which these lives have been given.
We must be thankful that so far the
war has brought no such casualty
lists as those which overshadowed
the early months of the war of 1914.
But there must be few to whom it
has not meant anxiety or disturbance
of mind, discomfort, material loss or
even severe hardship.

"Husbands and wives have been
separated from one another or from
their children. Home arrangements
have been upset by having to billet
strangers or children accustomed to
different ways of living. Businesses
have been dislocated, hard-earned
practices have had to be abandoned.
Buildings have been commandeered

at short notice and at great incon-
venience to their owners and oc-
cupants. Heavy taxation has cut into
incomes and imposed severe restric-
tions upon expenditure.

Risk Of Sudden Air Attack

"Then again there are the daily
irritating inconveniences of restric-
tions of various kinds, not forgetting
the black-out and the difficulty and
discomfort of travelling. Most of
these hardships and inconveniences
have been brought about by the
necessity of providing against attacks
from the air. Some of them may
seem now to have been unnecessary,
since the air raids have not taken
place. But if they had come, as
everyone expected, and had found
us unprepared you would have blamed
the Government for its neglect.
Even now we cannot assume that the
Germans will not change their tactics
and make a sudden attack from the
air upon this country. We must not
therefore rashly dispense with our
safeguards, but we are constantly
revising the existing restrictions, and
we shall certainly relax them when-
ever we feel that we can do so
without undue risk to the public
safety.

"I do not think I need say more
about restrictions which are imposed
only in the general interest, and
which I am sure will be cheerfully
borne if they help to bring us victory.
"I said a little while ago that this
was a different kind of war from
what we expected. Perhaps you may
sometimes wonder why we ourselves
are not attacking the enemy with
more vigour. Well, I would remind
you that the art of war consists in
bringing the greatest possible force
to bear at the right place and at the
right time. In our case the place and
time will be decided by those who
are responsible for the strategy of the
Allies. But in the meanwhile we are
not losing anything by delay, for
time is on our side.

Every week that passes by in-
tensifies the pressure upon Ger-
many of the Allies' blockade,
which is slowly but surely de-
priving her of those materials
which are essential to the suc-
cessful prosecution of a modern
war and which she cannot pro-
duce within her own borders.

Allies' Unlimited Resources

"How different is the position of
the Allies, who have at their disposal
within the Empire or elsewhere un-
limited resources in men and ma-
terials. With such advantages they
are bound to win in the end; and
the only question is how long it will
take them to achieve their purpose.
"That brings me to the last point
I want to make. What is the purpose,
for which we are to-day standing
side by side with our French and
Polish Allies? The question has been
answered over and over again by
myself, by M. Daladier, by Lord
Halifax and by other members of the
Government. One would think that
there could be no doubt about it, but
there are still questioners who feel
that we have not yet sufficiently de-
fined our aims.

"In my own mind I make a distinc-
tion between war aims and peace
aims. Our war aim can be stated
very shortly. It is to defeat our
enemy and, by that I do not merely
mean the defeat of the enemy's mili-
tary forces.

own pledged word whenever it
finds it convenient. If the Ger-
man people can be convinced that
that spirit is as bad for them-
selves as for the rest of the
world, they will abandon it. If
we can secure that they do
abandon it without bloodshed, so
much the better; but abandoned
it must be. That is our war aim
and we shall persevere in this
struggle until we have attained it.

"When we come to peace aims we
are dealing with something to be
achieved in conditions we cannot at
present foresee. Our definition of
them can therefore only be in the
most general terms, but there can
be no harm in declaring the broad
principles on which we should desire
to found them.

Our desire, then, when we have
achieved our war aim would be to
establish a new Europe, not new in
the sense of tearing up all the old
frontier posts and redrawing the map
according to the ideas of the victors,
but a Europe with a new spirit in
which the nations which inhabit it
will approach their difficulties with
goodwill and mutual tolerance.
"In such a Europe fear of aggres-
sion would have ceased to exist, and
such adjustments of boundaries as
would be necessary would be thrashed
out between neighbours sitting on
equal terms round a table, with the
help of disinterested third parties if
it were so desired.

An Unfettered Right

"In such a Europe it would be
recognised that there can be no last-
ing peace unless there is a full and
constant flow of trade between the
nations concerned, for only by in-
creased interchange of goods and
services can the standard of living be
improved.

"In such a Europe each country
would have the unfettered right to
choose its own form of internal gov-
ernment, so long as that Government
did not pursue an external policy
injurious to its neighbours.

"Lastly, in such a Europe, arma-
ments would gradually be dropped as
a useless expense, except in so far
as they were needed for the preserva-
tion of internal law and order.

"It is obvious that the establish-
ment of this Utopian Europe which
I have briefly sketched out could not
be the work of a few weeks or even
months. It would be a continuous
process stretching over many years.
Indeed, it would be impossible to set
a time-limit upon it, for conditions
never cease to change and corre-
sponding adjustments would be re-
quired if friction is to be avoided.

"Consequently you would need
some machinery capable of coordi-
nating and guiding the development of
the new Europe in the right direction.
I do not think it necessary nor, in-
deed, is it possible to specify at this
stage the kind of machinery which
should be established for this pur-
pose. I merely express the opinion
that something of the sort would
have to be provided, and I would
add my hope that a Germany animat-
ed by a new spirit might be among
the nations which would take part
in its operations.

"There, then, for the present I
leave the peace aims, and once more
I would remind you that before we
can begin to translate them into ac-
tion we have got first to achieve our
war aim and win the war. In that
purpose the members of the British
Commonwealth are united as they
never have been before in all our
history.

"Let us then gird up our loins,
confident in our own tenacity and
resolute in our determination.
Let us keep clear before our eyes
the necessity that this reign of
terror instituted under the pre-
sent German Government should
come to an end in order that
we may build a new and better
Europe. We know that in this
great struggle we are fighting for
the right and against the wrong.
Let us then go on forward with
God's blessing on our arms, and
we shall prevail."

FINLAND'S RESISTANCE

Russian Holiday May Be "Zero Hour"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Finns are hastily strengthening their defence line and are also understood to be planning a counter-stroke by pouring very heavy reinforcements into the Petsamo front.

The object of this, according to neutral observers, is partly to divert the force of the Russian attack, and partly to threaten the Murmansk railway.

At present there is little indication as to when this offensive will be made.

One theory is that to-morrow—a Russian holiday—may be the zero hour.

Some circles think that the Red Army will wait until the ice in the lakes is thick enough to bear mechanised transport.

Soviets Lose Prestige

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Finnish observers are gradually coming to the conclusion that the Russians at present have only third-rate soldiers in the field, though the Moscow commanders, finding that they have greatly underestimated the strength of the resistance, have now decided to bring up their first-line reserves.

Meanwhile the centre of gravity of the fighting has suddenly shifted from the Karelian Isthmus to the centre of Finland, where the Russians are trying to drive a wedge to split the country in half.

Very heavy fighting is proceeding on the whole front around the pleasure resort of Suomussalmi and further north near Kuopiojärvi.

The Russians are reported to have a very large force here and the Finns are rushing up reinforcements.

It is unofficially reported that Finnish planes to-day bombed and destroyed 12 miles of railway in the outskirts of Murmansk.

Weather Takes Heavy Toll

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An official announcement states that so far three out of four Soviet casualties have been caused by cold and exposure.

Violent Fighting

ROME, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Rome circles are following the fighting in Finland with great interest.

It is stated here that the Soviet attacks have been extended over the whole eastern front and fighting has been very violent during the past 24 hours.

Finnish Communique

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A Finnish communique states that there was severe fighting in the whole line of the Karelian Isthmus, and especially fierce in the Muola village.

The enemy made several attacks, all of which were repulsed.

"The enemy left hundreds of dead in front of our lines. Several enemy tanks were destroyed."

"The enemy made several attempts to break through the eastern frontier."

Great Battle

"A great battle was fought at Tolvanen."

"Our troops captured 52 machine guns and other war materials."

"Three battalions of the enemy infantry were annihilated and several tanks put out of action."

"Enemy attacks on Ilmoila, supported by heavy artillery, were repulsed."

"Fighting continues in the northern sector of the eastern front."

"Enemy planes bombed Hyrnsalmi and some islands in the Gulf of Finland with no result."

"Our air-force bombed and machine-gunned the enemy lines and marching columns of troops."

Brief Soviet Communique

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—To-day's Soviet war communique was again brief.

It reports progress north of Lake Ladoga, but the bottle-neck between the north shore of Lake Ladoga and the chain of small lakes where the Finns have three prepared defensive lines is still not penetrated.

Russian troops apparently are still held up upon the Karelian Isthmus.

Observers in Moscow suspect that the Red Army has attempted to rush deep into the Finnish defences without adequate artillery preparation.

Official Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (UP).—Finland's official communique on the 13th day of the war with Russia states:

"Fierce attacks were launched by the enemy on the Karelian Isthmus and in central Finland."

"We repulsed the Russians. They lost 100 dead at one point, and three battalions were routed at another."

"Large amounts of war materials have been captured and our troops have destroyed several Russian tanks."

"The Soviet onslaughts have been checked in both sectors, but heavy fighting continues."

"Elsewhere along the 800-mile front, the Finnish Air Force has successfully bombed Russian concentrations."

Action On The West Front

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A communique says that during the night there were short encounters in the region between the Sarre and the Forest of Varmad.

During the day there had been yet another engagement as well as artillery duels in the same region.

Our outposts everywhere remained intact.

DEFICIT MADE GOOD

Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall has received from an English resident and his wife, who desire to be anonymous, a cheque for \$768 for the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. The sum is the amount of the Society's deficit last year.

Sir Robert has replied to the contributor, expressing his warmest thanks, and adding that he can conceive of no better means of calling the attention of the public to the needs of the Society than this fine deed.

ITALIAN CLAIMS VOICED

Rome, Dec. 12. A broadcast to Italian students on the Via National hotel-up took place to-day, when Signor Gayda revived Italian claims for "national aspirations."

At the same time he stated that Italy was prisoner in the Mediterranean and must have a passage outside this sea.

Speaking slowly, but firmly, the editor of Rome's authoritative *Giornale d'Italia*, condemned again the Treaty of Versailles, which he said "created a Europe which could never have peace."

He added that a new Europe could be built only after Italian claims were satisfied.—United Press.

Britain's Strong Position

Rome, Dec. 12. Signor Gayda said, "Italian national life is in the Mediterranean, entrance and exit to which is in the hands of foreigners. Gibraltar, Suez and now even the Dardanelles are controlled by Britain, who can close these passages and isolate the Mediterranean from the outside world."

"While France and Spain have outlets to the Atlantic Ocean, Italy, instead, is a prisoner; and therefore, as she is a world Power, she has the right and the necessity to maintain contact throughout the world."

"It is necessary for Italy to obtain a passage outside the Mediterranean for freedom in its work and for its very life."—United Press.

Envoys in Italy

Rome, Dec. 11. The German Ambassador to Rome, Herr Mackensen, returned to the Italian capital after a visit to Berlin where, it is understood, he was in conference with Herr Hitler and the Italian Ambassador to Berlin.

The French Ambassador to Rome departed for Paris.—United Press.

Spanish Military Mission

MADRID, Dec. 12. A Spanish military mission left Barcelona to-day for Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

Insidious Propaganda Nazis Active In Balkans Practice Bribery And Corruption

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A description of Nazi propaganda in South-East Europe is given by a Balkan correspondent of the "Times."

This propaganda, he writes, operates on a large scale. Large numbers of Nazi-financed newspapers are to be found in the Danubian and Balkan countries, and these papers, although they have small circulations and poor advertising, miraculously manage to put up large buildings and purchase expensive printing equipment.

There are over 60 of them.

Although the German Travel Agency in that area is not a busy place, it employs some 600 people.

Newsagents Bribed

Influence is brought to bear on the other sections of the Press, and even bribery is being resorted to in an attempt to get positions in papers for news favourable to Germany.

The dissemination of propaganda through the post is widely used.

During the Polish campaign, mysterious post-cards arrived in Rumania telling of the "injustice" of the Allied entry into the war and denying the bombing of open towns.

False Rumours

Bucharest cafes are happy hunting grounds for what appears to be a vast organisation engaged solely in spreading false rumours.

German diplomatic circles are busy in the same manner.

The Nazi Legation loses no opportunity to make violent protests against most anti-Nazi incidents on the pretext that such incidents threaten the country's neutrality.

GAS MASKS FOR ALL SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Sweden continues to take precautionary measures and the Government to-day ordered its first batch of 600,000 gas masks.

Humanitarianism Of British Submarine Comdr. Saved Liner From Destruction

BREMEN WAS AT MERCY OF NAVY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Admiralty—and admitted by authorised circles in Berlin—that the British Navy has deliberately spared the 51,200-ton Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Bremen from destruction.

A British submarine sighted the crack ocean greyhound of the German Mercantile Marine this morning as she was bound from Murmansk to Germany, off the Norwegian coast.

The liner was within torpedo range.

But the Commander of the submarine, as he watched the greyhound tear past his periscope sights at 31 knots, refrained from giving the order that would have sent four torpedoes into her hull.

All British naval vessels have been given strict instructions that, in no circumstances, must they contravene the rules of warfare regarding the safety of people at sea.

These rules state that no enemy merchant vessel must be destroyed until all persons aboard are removed to safety.

"Cannot" Be Sunk

Naval circles, in explaining why the Bremen was allowed to continue her voyage, made the following announcement this morning:

"Under the Submarine Protocol, to which Germany herself has subscribed, merchantmen, even if armed for purely defensive purposes, may not be sunk without warning or before the passengers and crew are placed in safety."

"Under the Arctic conditions reigning off the Norwegian coast, open lifeboats, even if near land, might not properly be considered a place of safety."

"The British submarine concerned could not possibly take aboard all the survivors if the Bremen had been torpedoed."

Berlin Admission

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (UP).—Authorized Nazi naval circles admit that a British submarine approached to within torpedo range of the N.D.L. liner Bremen—greatest liner in the world—on the morning of Dec. 12.

The Nazis will not fully admit the forbearance of the British commander, however.

They claim that the submarine was forced to submerge by a German reconnaissance plane.

The Bremen was en route from Murmansk to an unnamed German port, and has probably already reached her destination.

The plane was not conveying the German liner, but was merely on patrol duty over the North Sea.

"The return of the Bremen to a German port is not altogether unexpected," Nazi circles add.

British Respect For International Law

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced this afternoon that British respect for international law saved the giant German liner, Bremen.

The Bremen, it will be recalled, left New York this day before war was declared and managed to get safely through to the Soviet Arctic port of Murmansk, since when nothing has been heard of her.

To-day, however, the Admiralty announced that the Bremen had been sighted her homeward bound.

Within Torpedo Range

The Bremen passed within torpedo range but the submarine was prevented by international law from torpedoing her without warning.

The Bremen, it is learned, was sighted in the morning.

International law forbids the sinking of merchant ships unless all the people aboard can first be placed in a place of safety, and open boats in an open sea are not places of safety.

The submarine obviously could not take all those in the Bremen aboard, and also could not capture the Bremen which has a far higher turn of speed.

Safe In Nazi Port

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Bremen has safely reached a German port.

THIS IS THE NAZI WAY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The 1,400-ton Swedish ship Torno struck a mine in Swedish territorial waters and sank.

All those aboard have been rescued.

The motor vessel, King Egbert, was sunk in the North Sea after an explosion early to-day.

One member of the crew is believed to be drowned near to Hattak. The remaining 32 members and pilot took to the boats and were picked up by a neutral ship which later transferred them to an East Coast life-boat.

The King Egbert was of 4,533 tons and was built in 1926. She belonged to the King Line Ltd.

BRITAIN'S SUPREMACY

Successes Recounted In The Commons

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Reviewing the progress of air warfare, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons to-day, said that our fighter squadrons, regular and auxiliary, had taken a heavy toll of such enemy as had tried to cross our air defences, and they could justifiably claim a definite superiority in our aircraft over the Germans.

Our Hurricanes and Spitfires had been in contact with Dornier Junkers and Heinkel bombers in turn and there could be no doubt that they possessed a decisive margin of advantage.

Superior Fighters

Sir Kingsley added that even more encouraging was the knowledge of the superiority they had shown over German fighters.

The Coastal Command had tried out attacks on submarines on 57 occasions, and in 19 cases they were successful, but substantial damage had been caused.

Supreme On Sea Also

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day dwells on the increasing completeness of the British naval supremacy.

Total losses—the Royal Oak, Courageous, two Destroyers (Gypsy and Blanche) and one submarine—amount to 55,040 tons displacement.

Other losses were the Rivalpindi and four small minesweepers amounting to 18,398 tons gross.

These are amply compensated by the enormous naval construction programme, further increased since the outbreak of war—nearly 1,000,000 tons of warship under construction and many nearly completed, while the anti-submarine forces are already more than trebled.

German Anxiety

German anxiety resulting from these facts is indicated by the recent boast that the German Navy is strongly reinforced by the incorporation of the Austrian Danube Flotilla.

It would appear that the Nazis have no better topic for boasting than the addition of river patrol vessels and a few motor launches designed solely for river work.

The Channel Tunnel

Calais-Dover Project Resurrected

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Channel tunnel scheme has been revived, this time in the French Chamber of Deputies.

The Minister of Public Works described the construction of the tunnel as an international necessity which should be one of the first works undertaken when the war was over.

The idea first came up about the middle of the last century, and even to-day the abandoned preliminary tunnels may be seen on either side of the Channel.

The Minister also announced that the Government had decided to take in hand the construction of the first section of the trans-Sahara tunnel.

ANOTHER BIG JEWEL THEFT

Jewellery valued at \$1,120, in addition to \$50 in Hongkong banknotes, was stolen by a burglar who entered the residence of Mrs. M. S. Marriott at 408 Stubbs Road this morning.

Entry was gained through an open window between 2 a.m. and 2.45 a.m.

Hitler Given 100 Days

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter Bulletin).—The German "Freedom" station in a broadcast commenting on the discussions at the League meeting, states that what caused the Soviet invasion of Poland was the course taken by Hitler.

The announcer threatened assassination against Hitler and gave him an ultimatum of 100 days in which to surrender Germany to the German people and stop the war.

If he complies he may leave the country alive, but if he does not, he will be killed.

New Air Force

RUSSIAN AID FOR CHINA

Peiping, Dec. 12. Following the suspension of military supplies from European and American countries as the result of the European war, the reorganised Chinese air force is almost exclusively manned and equipped by Soviet personnel and craft.

Chiang Kai-shek has asked the Supreme National Defence Council to approve the issue of an imposing national defence loan totalling Yunn 600,000,000 and plans to purchase 600 new aircraft. Chiang Kai-shek has also laid down a plan to encourage the manufacture of aircraft in China.

With the pursuit planes and distance bombing planes, Chiang Kai-shek is attempting to strengthen the defences in important cities and to launch offensives.

Lanchow and Kunming have been chosen as bases for the reorganisation and in both places air force training institutes have been opened.

Manufacturing Planes

Aircraft manufacturing enterprises are projected at Lanchow, Chungking, Kunming, Chungking and Nanchang in Szechuan. Construction of aircraft with imported materials and parts has already been started on a large scale.

At Lanchow alone about 200 military planes were recently imported from Russia, most of them having been flown along the Red route.

Important changes have taken place in the organisation as the result of the recent deterioration in the relations between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party.

With the Soviet influences in the North-west steadily being consolidated, Lanchow has become a veritable advance base of Soviet invasion.

Reliable reports indicate that Lanchow, the capital of Kansu, is defended by units of the Soviet regular Air Force and anti-aircraft troops, in addition to Chinese air units.

Until several months ago, the Soviet air force at Lanchow included only four units with 10 planes, but it has by now been increased several times. Thus the Chinese plan to reorganise the air force is actually entailing the replenishment of Soviet air units in China.—Dome.

BLOCKADE OPERATES SMOOTHLY

London, Dec. 12. While it is indicated that Britain is leading the moderate group in the Russo-Finnish discussions at Geneva, the British Navy is relentless in tightening the economic thumb-screws on Germany, and the first neutral ships searched for German exports are reported to have carried only small quantities, indicating that German representations to neutrals have been actively resisted.

Two-way control has not been noticeably successful.

Some goods of German origin have already been handed over to the Prize Court, but the relatively small volume of these indicates that neutral ship owners are reluctant to transport German cargoes.

At the same time, it is believed all ships so far stopped have been cleared, since the Export Control proved far more speedy than the control of imports, due to the relative ease in detecting goods of German origin, compared to foreign goods destined for Germany.—United Press.

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Around The Courses IMPROVEMENTS AT SHEK-O CLUB

Eighteenth Hole Near Completed: Interesting Final At Fanling

(By "Birdie")

IT HAS BEEN almost two years since I was down at Shek-O, and on going to Camp last week I noticed for the first time the additions there have been to the Shek-O Country Club course. I remember when last there that certain construction work was in progress on the lower ground below the Club-House, and since then eight new holes have been laid out, making a total of 17, with the 18th hole almost near completion.

This last hole should be finished and ready for play early next year, and the Shek-O Club can then boast of the only 18-hole Course on the Island.

A passing glance gives the impression of shortness and narrowness of fairways, but actually this is not the case. Owing to certain limitations, of course, there are, relatively, more short holes there than on most other courses in either Hongkong or Kowloon. In yardage, however, the original nine holes on the elevated site compares somewhat with the Kowloon Golf Club course, while being situated as it is, mid-way between Shek-O beach and Big Wave Bay, it is on a really lovely site, and commands a very fine view.

The new holes, however, are not so new, as I believe they have been in use for some time now, but with the completion of the 18th hole the Shek-O Club will be the second Club here able to boast of an 18-hole course.

Though it is probably more well-known as a golf Club, tennis and clay-pigeon shooting also occupy the attention of its members.

J. T. SMITH, it seems, is in line for his third big win at Fanling. F. D. Hunter, the other finalist in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club championship, can be relied upon to put up an excellent show, and really extend Smith, but on form at the moment, it doesn't seem likely that the Colony Champion will be beaten.

It should be a most interesting final, for both are extremely able golfers. In the Jasper Clark Cup, Smith beat Hunter by one stroke; the scores being 140 and 140. Smith's rounds were 74 and 75, while Hunter's were 81 and 69. The Fanling final is, of course, being decided on match play, but Hunter has shown himself capable of a 69, and if able to bring that form out again is more than capable of taking the title away from Smith.

MEMBERS at the Country Club last week-end looked forward to the final of the Ladies' Cup between Miss

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.40 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21923).

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Cotton Continues Charity Games

LONDON.—Henry Cotton was twice on the winning side when he continued his series of matches in aid of Red Cross Funds at the Royal Burgess Course, Barnham.

In the first of two four-ball matches, Cotton, partnered by Hugh Watt, the local professional, beat James Adams (Royal Liverpool) and Jack McLean (Buchanan Castle) by 3 and 2.

Later, Cotton and McLean beat Adams and Watt by 2 and 1, thanks chiefly to the brilliant putting of McLean, a former Scottish amateur champion.

The day's play enabled well over £400 to be raised, and the total proceeds so far are in the neighbourhood of £2,000.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sequeira and Mrs. A. J. Kew. The match, however, was postponed when the former made known her inability to be out at Sheungshu on Sunday. This, too, should be an interesting match, for the players are very evenly matched. They more or less met in the Qualifying Round when they played together, and on that occasion Miss Sequeira returned a card of 41 and 43 (Par 36), and headed the list 12 strokes ahead of Mrs. Kew.

THE draw for the first round of the Junior Championship has been made. And on Sunday last, by mutual arrangement, C. H. Bosto and A. T. Lee played off their match. The former won two up, after being three down and six to go at one period.

RECENT qualifiers for the Captain's Cup Competition have been T. Y. C. Lee (71), R. E. Lee (74), E. J. M. Churn (77) and P. K. C. Tyau (74).

THE introduction of the 14-club rule was, it is claimed, aimed at setting a limit to low scoring, but on figures that have been returned it does not seem to be realising its object. Sam King, who had rounds of 68 and 65 (a course record) in the professionals' tournament at Sandridge Park, beat the bogey for 36 holes on the 6,500-yard course by 17 strokes.

Despite the voice raised, clubs and units, these days, are being made for distance. The steel shafted clubs, which make for power, are replacing the hickory clubs, and the golfer before, who was able to rely on his approach and putt, is in danger of being relegated.

Distance has made approaching easier, and following his record round of 65, Sam King conceded that he had lengthened his drive by a slightly wider swing, with little sacrifice of accuracy.

By this, I presume it is meant that the swing is flatter in plane. The truth of this statement has been tested and observed, but it requires the professional control to justify the "little sacrifice of accuracy."

CHESS CLUB DINNER

Presentation Of Prizes At Peninsula Hotel

The Kowloon Chess Club held their annual dinner at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell presided, and at the close distributed the prizes won during the year.

D. E. Carvalho won the Colony Championship, the runner-up being E. Zimmerman.

The Senior Club Championship was also won by D. E. Carvalho, the runner-up being A. Kurrik.

B. F. Litvin won the Junior Club Championship, with A. Hill as runner-up.



The general activity on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club takes on Saturday at the commencement of the match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies. At the left, His Excellency the Governor is waiting bowl in hand, while Sir Atholl MacGregor is looking on.—Home Photos.

BOXING TITLES RETAINED

Rugby HEAVY SCORING IN ARMY TOURNAMENT

BY IDENTICAL SCORES—28 points (two goals, a penalty goal and five tries) to nil—the Royal Engineers beat the 5th A. A. Regiment and the 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A. beat a combined R.A.M.C. and Royal Corps of Signals XV in two rugged matches at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Birrell, their fast winger, was top scorer for the Sappers, and secured three brilliant tries. Waite worked and provided many openings for his outside, and Pleton scored two tries.

The score was opened by a penalty goal from Pleton, and the following try by Artingstall was converted by the first named. Birrell added further points by touching down in the corner, but Pleton failed with the kick. Shortly before half-time, Birrell scored his second try, but the kick, taken by Foley, again failed.

The Gunners pressed for a short time following the resumption, but play was soon transferred to the other end, and Sheldrake gained possession and fell over the line. Pleton missed a difficult angle kick.

Pleton converted Birrell's third try, the two concluding tries from Pleton were not improved upon by the same kicker.

The teams were: Royal Engineers.—Moxam; Pleton, Artingstall, Jones, Birrell; Waite, Foley; Appley, Pike, Bouzon, Brinkley, Blackman, Davis, Martin, Sheldrake.

5th A.A. Regt., R.A.—Buddick; Selway, Foster, Sutcliffe, Foster; Giblin, Clarke, Mew, Farrington, Hamby, Giblin, Page, Elliot, Muller.

8th R.A. 28.—Combined XV 0. FOUR TRIES in the second game were scored by Marsh, on the wing. He proved too fast for the opposition.

His first three scores were the opening points of the game. Lomax, who with Skipworth and Hook, had been doing great work, went over for the fourth try.

The second half opened with a penalty goal by Marsh, and this was followed by two tries from Hook and Marsh again. The first was converted by Turner.

The final try came from Skipworth. The teams were: 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.—Keeble; Free, Skipworth, Lomax, Marsh; Hook, Foster; Forster, Cook, Turner, Rawlins, Luckett, Eastwood, Robinson, McDiarmid.

Combined XV.—Whybrow; MacDonald, Thomas, Lithgow, Hill; Young, Curran; Johnston, Chandler; Butler, Funnell, Minney, Mohan, Clifton, Hanlon.

Most Valued Player In Baseball

New York, Nov. 21. William Henry Walters, who never wanted to be a pitcher in the first place and who would go back to leading to-morrow if the pay was the same, has been named the "most valuable player" in the National League for the 1939 season by a committee of 24 sports writers.

Bucky Walters teamed up with Paul Derringer to pitch the Cincinnati Reds to their first National League Pennant in 20 years. The Baseball Writers' Association Committee, composed of three sports writers from each National League city, gave Walters a total of 503 points out of a possible 530.

Eighteen gave Walters first place, five awarded him second and the other one placed him fifth. Walters succeeds his teammate and battery companion, "Ernie" Lombardi, who won last year with 429 points.

Armstrong And Hostak Win On Knock-Outs

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.

(UP).—Al Hostak, middleweight champion of the world as recognised by the National Boxing Association in opposition to Ceferino Garcia, New York State Athletic Commission's nomination, retained his title to-day against the German Eric Seelig.

Armstrong To Defend Against Montanez

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (UP).

—Henry Armstrong, world welterweight champion, will defend his 147-round title at Madison Square Garden on January 24 against Pedro Montanez, of Puerto Rico, over fifteen rounds Mike Jacobs announced to-day. Jacobs also signed Simon Chavez, of Venezuela, and Pete Scalzo for a ten-round bout with the indication that the winner might be matched against Joey Archibald for the world featherweight championship.

winning by a knock-out in the opening round. The fight was scheduled to go 15 rounds.

Welterweight Bout
HENRY ARMSTRONG, welterweight champion of the world, beat Jimmy Garrison on a technical knock-out in the seventh round of their ten rounds' bout.

Bout Postponed

MANILA, Dec. 12 (UP).—The China Clipper, carrying Jack Dempsey to referee the fight between Ceferino Garcia and Glen Lee, is not expected to arrive before Sunday. The managers and promoters have decided to hold the fight on December 19, in the event of Dempsey arriving in time, otherwise on December 23.

A definite announcement is expected on Thursday.

Women's Tennis COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Litton And Mrs. Chiu Enter Second Round

CONSISTENCY broke down the opposition provided by Miss M. Griffiths in her first round match in the Colony Women's Tennis Championships with Mrs. Enid Litton at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday. The scores were 6-3, 6-3.

Baseline duels featured the match, and in them Mrs. Litton used a heavily chopped forehand to great advantage. Miss Griffiths was very steady, but failed before a more consistent and even steeper player.

LITTLE DIFFICULTY
At the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chai had little difficulty in beating Miss J. Greig by 6-2, 6-3.

American Sailors Hold H.M.S. Cicala To A Draw

The soccer squad from U.S.S. Tulsa engaged a team from H.M.S. Cicala at the Dockyard yesterday and did well to secure a draw, each side scoring twice.

The game started at a fast pace and after 15 minutes Newby put Cicala in the lead. Just before the interval, Willkinson increased the score with a good shot. Tokas at this period was playing a fine game for the Tulsa.

After the interval, Tulsa did most of the attacking and Myers reduced the lead. Three minutes later they equalised, following good combination between Myers and Maxwell, resulting in G. Potter scoring.

Cicala has challenged the football squad of the Tulsa to a football match on Monday at King's Park.

Junior Shield Replay

The Junior Shield preliminary round replay between Royal Scots and 8th Heavy Regiment will take place at Sookunpoo at 2.15 p.m. to-day. As Sookunpoo is being used for rugby on Saturday, the first division game between Middlesex and Royal Scots will be played to-day on the same ground at 4 p.m.

Indoor Bowling

U.S.S. Tulsa Beat Mindanao At Duck Pins

A FRIENDLY duck pin match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday resulted in U.S.S. Tulsa beating U.S.S. Mindanao by 80 points.

| U.S.S. Tulsa | U.S.S. Mindanao |
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| J. C. Thomas | 84 107 86 87 85 490 |
| H. L. Reichold | 85 86 123 84 79 460 |
| H. F. Hirschberg .. | 82 81 83 80 83 425 |
| | 1,857 |

SINGLES HANDICAP
In the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition, S. A. Ismail (plus 25) beat R. H. Duddridge (plus 8) by 135 points, 557-422, including his handicap and 87 level.

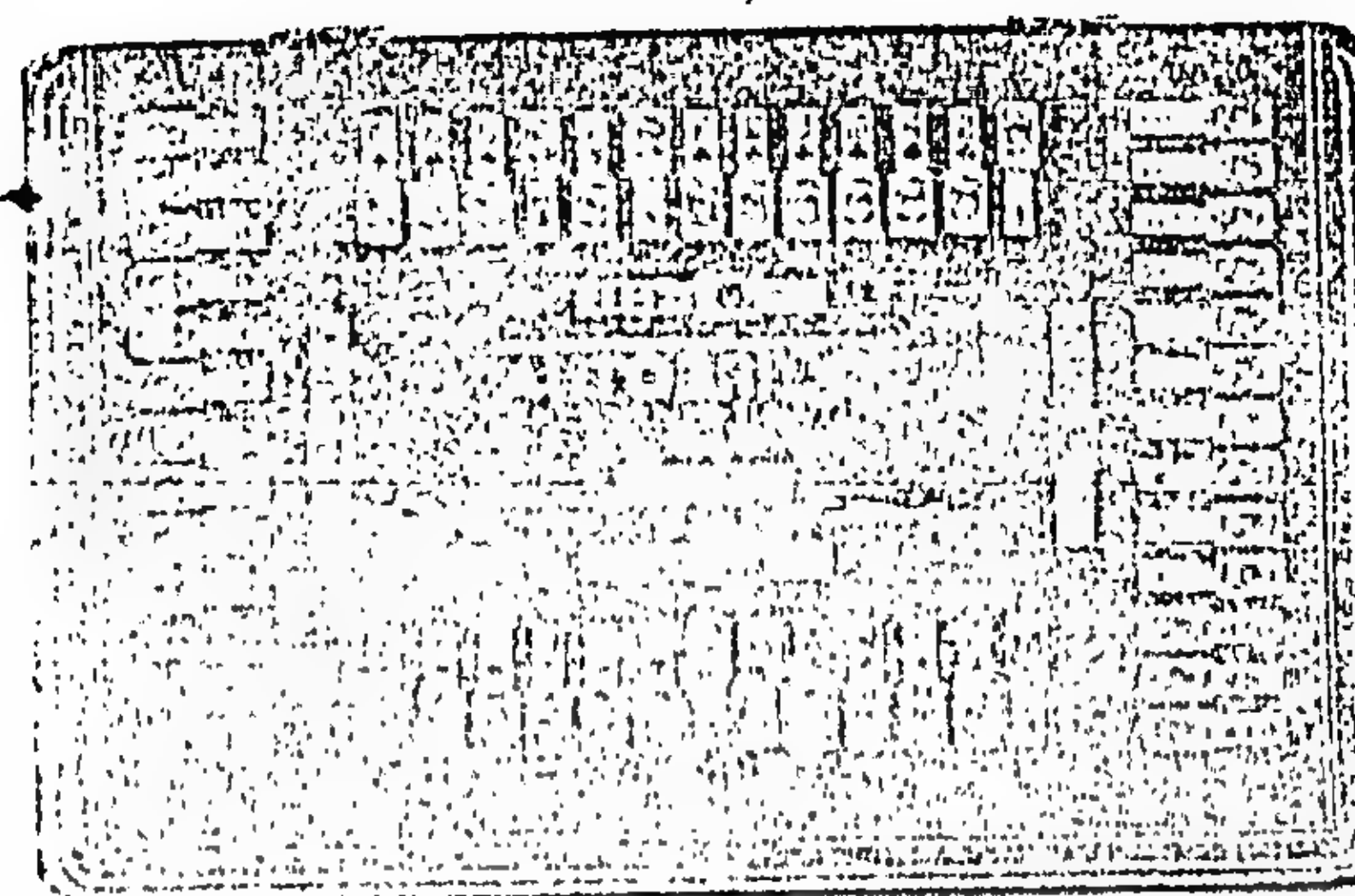
Small scored 162, 174, 178 and 48, and Duddridge 142, 140 and 134.

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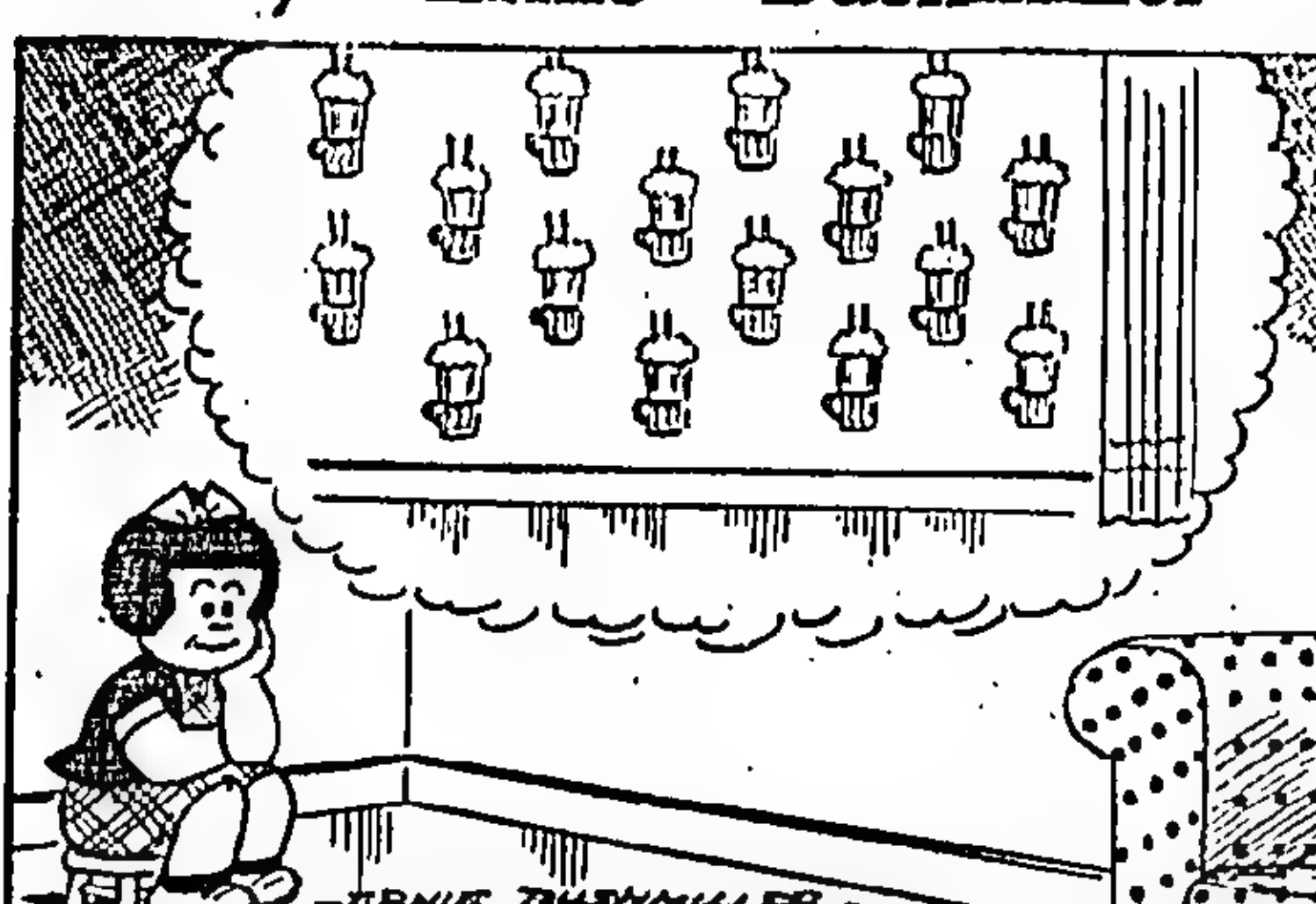
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Clown Admits A Murder For 2s.

A DESPERATE fight to escape the electric chair has been started by the Camden, New Jersey, Baptist minister, Walter Dworecki, who was convicted of abetting the murder of his 18-years-old daughter Wanda.

The actual murder was admitted by Peter Schewchuk, aged 21, a former circus clown, whose description of the crime made the jury rise in their seats with horror.

Schewchuk said that for 50 cents (2s.) and a promise of more he strangled Wanda and struck her on the temple with a rock to make sure that she was dead.

Money Motive

The motive of the crime was made clear, he said, because Dworecki showed him three insurance policies on his daughter's life for \$250,000, another accident policy for \$25,000. Dworecki, known among his friends as "Iron Mike," lost his nerve and alternated between sobs and cold silence as he heard the story built up against him.

As the prosecutor made his final address demanding the death penalty, "Iron Mike" slumped in his chair and prayed, "Please help me, God."

Now he has filed an appeal.



MEIN KAMPF FOR TROOPS Hitler's Work In Official List

"Mein Kampf" is among the books officially recommended for sending to the troops at the front.

It is one of 1,321 titles published in a catalogue officially commended by Major-Gen. J. H. Belth—Jan Hay—Director of Public Relations at the War Office.

The catalogue has been compiled by a committee of the Incorporated Society of Authors and the National Book Council to guide those wishing to send books to friends in the Services or to the Red Cross Hospital Library.

"Mein Kampf" is one of the books listed under "Social and Political Science," but the selectors have preserved a completely unbiased attitude. The same category includes Karl Marx's "Capital," Douglas's "Social Credit," and books of every political complexion.

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Among the scientific books are works by Einstein, Andrade, Edington and Jeans. The poetry section of 16 volumes includes a number of anthologies and volumes by Rupert Brooke, T. S. Eliot and A. E. Housman. Seventy books on engineering and flying are recommended.

The catalogue may be obtained from the National Book Council, 3, Henrietta-street, London, W.C.2 (post free, 3d.).

Submarine, Holed, Could Not Submerge ONE-GUN STEAMER BEAT THE U-BOAT

THE SPIRIT OF TRAFALGAR LIVES ON.

"England expects that every man will do his duty," was Nelson's signal 134 years ago. And as the great victory which that message preceded was being celebrated in London came news showing that the same spirit and pluck are still with us.

Two British merchantmen ploughing their way through the Atlantic hundreds of miles apart are attacked by U-boats. Each gives battle with its only means of defence—a single 4.7 inch gun—prepared to fight to the end.

After a running fight lasting several hours, one is sunk. The other cripples its attacker, sees it finished off by a destroyer, which races to the scene.

Three hundred men, women, and children, passengers and crew of another British ship torpedoed in mid-Atlantic, crowd into the boats without panic—and join

in singing "The Yanks are coming" as an American liner comes to their rescue.

A dramatic story of how the 4,204-ton British tanker London Trader not only kept a U-boat at bay for seven hours, but damaged it so badly that it could not get away, was told by Antonio Cutajar, a Maltese seaman.

"We were on a voyage from Bristol to South America when, early one morning, the submarine attacked us," he said.

"We at once brought our only gun into action, and so efficiently was it handled by the gun crew—both ex-Navy men—that the U-boat was compelled to keep her distance.

"Shot For Shot"

"But there were times when she was still near enough for us to see clearly the members of her crew manning the gun against us."

"For hour after hour we exchanged shot for shot, but the U-boat hit us only once, when one of our lifeboats was smashed by a shell."

"Then our gun crew got in a shot which holed the submarine below the waterline."

"This meant that she could not submerge again, as she had done so often during the time she had been fighting and following us."

"Then, at about half-past two in the afternoon, a destroyer appeared on the horizon in answer to our signals and we knew that the U-boat was done for."

"The submarine crew tried to put up something of a fight against the warship by gunfire, but it was hopeless and very soon she was sent to the bottom."

"The crew were saved by the warship."

14, But Wasn't Scared

Equally thrilling was the story of the one-sided battle between the 5,000-ton West Hartlepool cargo boat Heronspool and the U-boat which torpedoed her after a running fight lasting several hours.

Frank Elders, the Heronspool's messboy, who told the story when the crew of 36 were landed in New York recently from the American liner President Harding, which rescued them, is only 14—but he wasn't scared.

"I was far too excited," he said. "We couldn't see the U-boat in the dark, but we started to dodge and zig-zag about."

"This went on for some time, and then the U-boat suddenly appeared quite close to us—so close I could see the officers smoking in the conning-tower."

"Signalling with lights, she told us to 'Heave-to'."

"Our answer was a shot. The U-boat then fired once across our bows, but we kept on trying to escape."

"For hours we dodged about and we were beginning to think we had beaten her when there was a tremendous explosion—the U-boat had submerged and had let us have it with a torpedo."

"We took to the boats. Ours leaked badly all night, and we couldn't have lasted much longer."

Kept On Singing

When the survivors of the British steamer Yorkshire (3,183 tons) were landed at Bordeaux recently from the American liner Independence Hall, they were still singing.

As the crowded rescue steamer was warped into the pier, the survivors crowded the rails cheering, and singing "God Save the King," and—as a tribute to their rescuers—"The Star-spangled Banner."

Altogether 300 survivors were landed, including members of the crew of the British steamer City of Mandury, which was sunk at the same time.

Nearly 70 people are missing from the two ships.

Most pathetic among the survivors were Hazel Armstrong, aged six, and her brother, Kenneth, aged seven, who lost both their father and mother in the disaster. Also rescued was a four-months-old baby, Margaret Cole, whose mother is among the missing.

A Mr. Clements, a British subject, was buried at sea before the Independence Hall made port. Mrs. Clements is among the survivors.

(Messages from Sunday Dispatch Correspondents, B.U.P., Exchange and Reuters).

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY U-BOAT LOSSES CONCEALED

The German newspapers recently poured scorn on Mr. Chamberlain's statement of British casualties in his review of the war situation in the House of Commons.

They objected particularly to his denial of the German claim to have torpedoed his Majesty's ship Repulse. Referring to the report of Cmdr. Prien, whose U-boat made the Scaua Flow attack, most of the newspapers conclude:

"Let Chamberlain be told that we and the whole world believe more in the word of a German officer than in the words of the entire British Government."

The Press also ridicules Mr. Chamberlain's statement on the U-boat campaign, quoting him as saying that Germany had lost one-third of her submarines. So far Germany has not admitted the loss of a single submarine.

Field-Marshal Goering yesterday received Lt-Col. Prien, commander of the U-boat which sank the Royal Oak, and congratulated him and his crew in the name of the Air Force.

The Nazi Heel

The greatest degree of irritation is being displayed in German official circles at the disinclination of neutral countries to show hearty pro-Nazi sympathies in repayment for U-boat depredations on their merchant shipping.

The German Press constantly attacks by name neutral newspapers which it regards as insufficiently Germanophile.

The "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" devotes a considerable portion of its front page to a virulent attack on the Belgian newspaper "Independence Belge," because it published articles and photographs concerning the British and French armies.

The German paper concludes with thinly veiled threats against "Independence Belge" and "similar papers, not alone in Belgium," which do not come sufficiently to the Nazi heel.

Foodstocks Destroyed

A fire in a big store house at Stettin, the nearest Baltic port to Berlin, destroyed enormous quantities of foodstuffs and grain, as well as large stocks of coal, straw and tanned felling. The warehouse had been rented by food wholesalers for the storage of supplies.

A number of horses and pigs perished in the fire.

Best Of The Day

A brochure, entitled "How They Lie!", to be distributed in neutral countries as well as Germany, has been published in Germany under official auspices. "They" refers to English propagandists, and the brochure consists mainly of English cartoons and photographs unfriendly to the Nazis.

English propaganda is said to be "perverse and criminal." "The whole world," says the brochure, "must know how Mr. Churchill and his gang of agitators lie."



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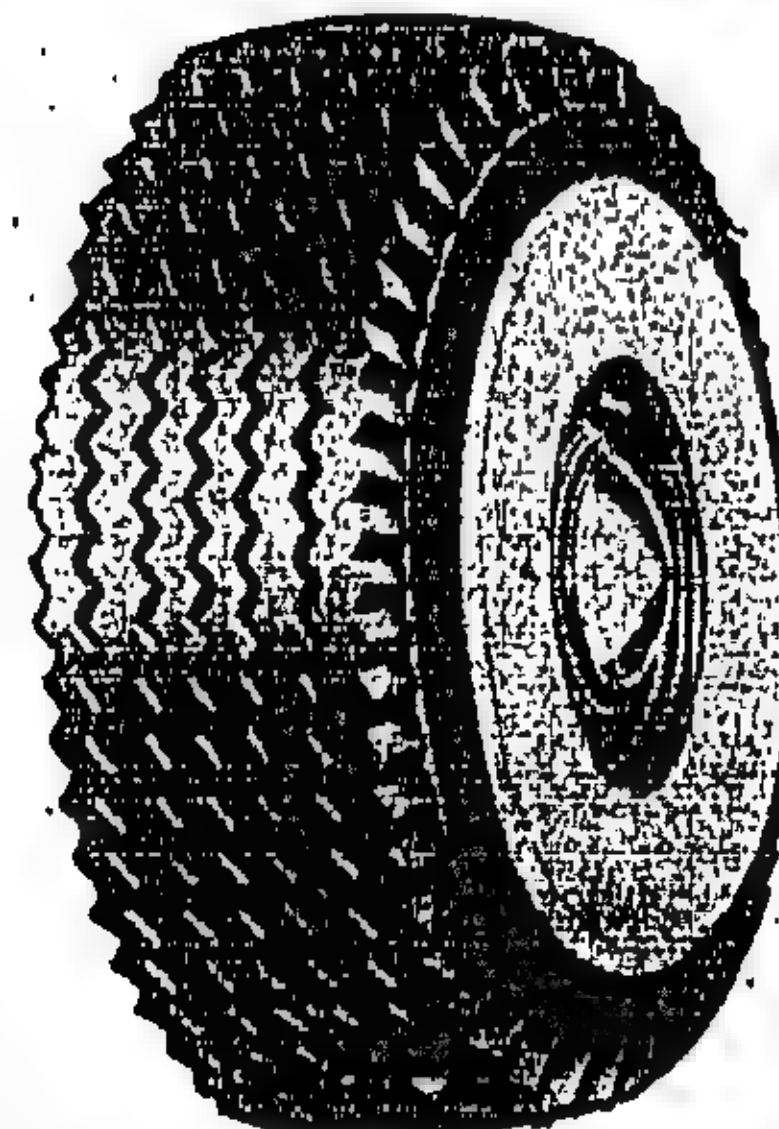
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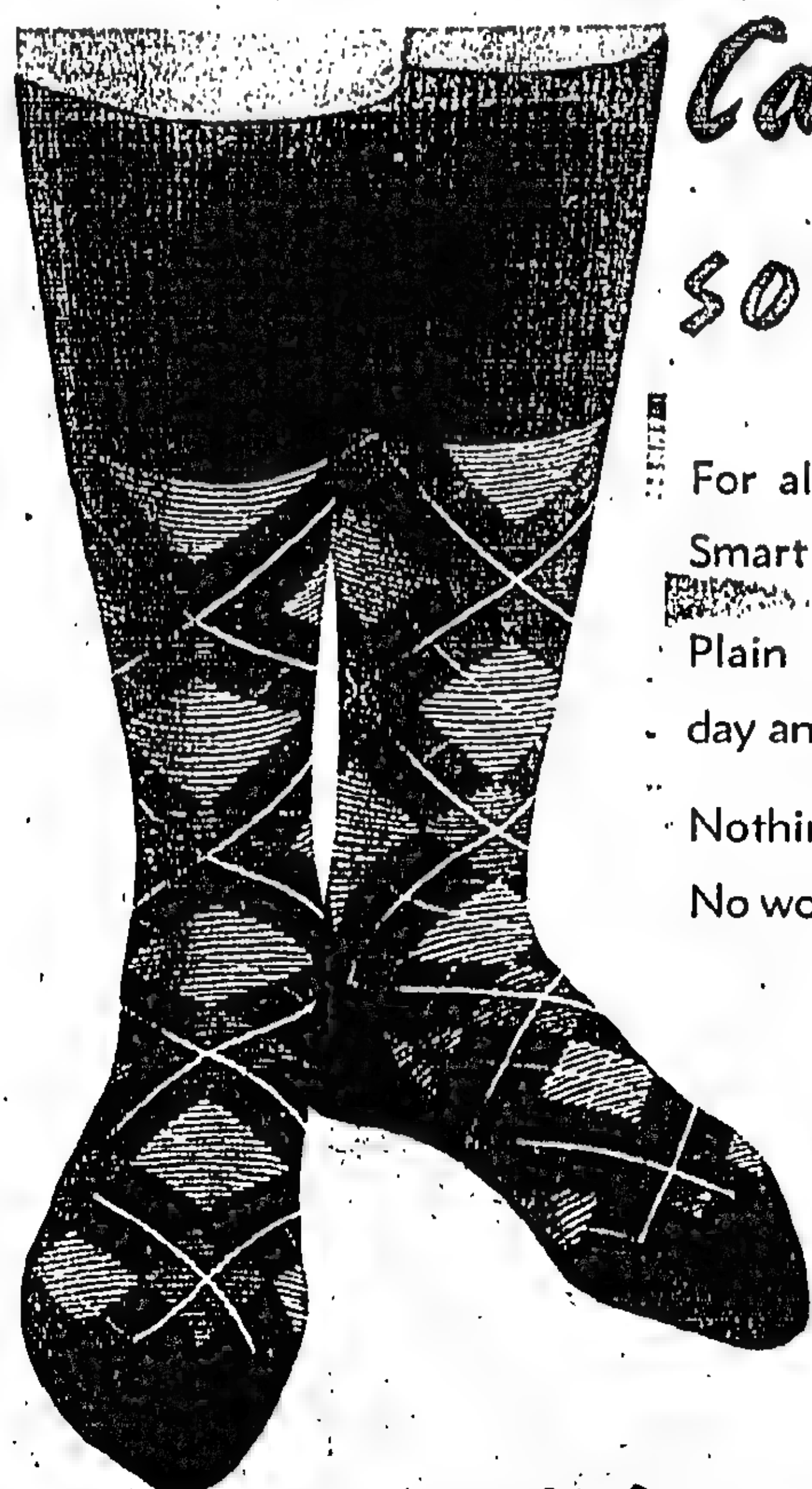


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Art Exhibition Is Oasis In H.K.'s Arid Desert

By TRUDA PANET

A MONTH seldom passes without our reading a letter in the local press pointing out the lack of artistic effort and appreciation manifested in this colony.

So, as we are all by now conscious of our failings, all the more can we rejoice when an oasis in the arid desert of our amateurishness appears on our horizon.

On all too rare occasions do we hear good music here. Even rarer are our opportunities of seeing the work of a real painter in Hongkong.

A visit to Ernie Freedlander's exhibition, now open in the Cathedral Hall, augurs for a happy hour one's longing for the contemporary culture of the West. This artist is a thinker and her genius permits her to express her thoughts in a way that gives us, her fortunate public, a great and lasting pleasure.

The collection of monotypes at present on show, recent works in colour these examples are fuller and deeper than those seen in her previous exhibitions. Her colours express the spirit of the scene, she paints, express form, express the mood of the painter and make a harmonious whole at once as subtle as it is rich.

This painter is so sure of what she wants to say that she can set it down uninterrupted by any superficial detail. The harmony of design and form is as pleasing as satisfying is the harmony of colour and line. It is this sureness of touch and individuality of treatment and outlook that gives this exhibition the liveliness and vitality missing in countless paintings seen in Europe and America to-day.

Some of the work of Mrs. Freedlander's pupils is also on view. As one of those pupils, I can particularly appreciate this section of the exhibition. At these all too frequent moments when one wonders why one ever dared to hold a brush, my teacher inspires me to fresh efforts and the help I have gained under her sympathetic encouragement is an inspiration for all my painting days to come.

The exhibition at the Cathedral Hall is to be open till 6 p.m. to-day and on December 16 and 17 in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon.

No one who is able to enjoy a real aesthetic delight should miss this opportunity of seeing the work of a sincere, intelligent artist.

The Queen Of Sheba

Biblical Drama Presented
By French Convent

THE Christmas season was opened by students of the French Convent last night when they presented "The Queen of Sheba," a biblical drama in three acts. The Anglo-French School Hall, Causeway Bay, a large crowd attended the function and thus helped to swell the amount to be donated to the War Relief Fund.

Paula Hollands, in the principal role, was assisted by Linda Luongo, as Solomon, King of the Israelites.

The Temple of Jerusalem is finished and ready for dedication. Stories of the building relate how one beam cannot be fitted in anywhere, and that no instrument is able to make any impression on it. It is put away as something sacred and mysterious. King Solomon sends messengers to the Kingdom of Sheba to procure incense for the dedication.

In Sheba the Temple of the Sun has been completed, but the Queen will not permit its being dedicated as she feels it is a temple erected to something that is not God. A prophecy concerning a God obedient unto death, which she cannot understand, disturbs her, and her mind is torn with doubt when the messengers from Israel arrive. From them she hears more about God, and resolves to visit the Holy City.

To honour her who is coming to visit him, Solomon builds a bridge, in which the sacred beam is placed. But as the Queen steps upon it she is held and cannot pass. Just then an angel appears and shows the Cross, explaining the words of the prophecy. All kneel in submission to the One True God.

The cast was as follows:

Lybia, Queen of Sheba..... Paula Hollands.
Solomon..... Margaret Choo.
Pharaoh..... Dorothy Salomon.
Marah..... Therese Noronha.
Deborah..... Yvonne Yolie.
Atrides..... Dorothy Salomon.
Jezebel..... Dorothy Large.
Nubia..... Jeanne Yolie.
Mithras..... Dorothy Salomon.
First Servant..... Doreen Stephens.
Second Servant..... Lisa Anderson.
Third Servant..... Freda Stephens.
A Child..... Mary Swaine.
A Messenger..... Lisa Anderson.
An Angel..... Freda Stephens.
Pages..... Gabrielle and Yvonne Ohi.
Ladies of the Court..... Patricia Pasco.

The programme included A Belgian Folk Dance ("La Brabanconne"), Piano Solo by Cecilia Passos, Song by the Students ("Charity"), Recitation in French by Mlle. Monique Arnoux ("Appel del In France aux Danes Francaises"), Piano Solo by Pauline Beck ("Valse"), Minuet ("L'Antique"), two Piano Solos by Cecilia Passos, ("Thine Own" and "Argonnes"), and a tableau by the entire company.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday says:

Dealings to-day show a considerable improvement compared with those reported for sometime past and were spread over a highly representative range. Prices also have strengthened, and the tendency appears to be on the upward trend, particularly as buyers, for the time being, have outstripped available offerings. Scrip is not too plentiful, and such as has come on to the market to-day has had no difficulty in finding a new home.

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| Union Insurance | \$395 |
| Douglases | \$71 1/4 |
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| Lands | \$33 1/4 |
| Humphreys | \$7.65 |
| Chinese Estates | \$100 |
| Tramways | \$16.40 |
| Star Ferries | \$66 |
| Yauwatt Ferries | \$23 1/4 |
| China Lights (Old) | \$7.90 |
| Electricity | \$51 1/4 |
| Telephones (Old) | \$24 1/4 |
| Telephones (New) | \$8.40 |
| Cements | \$10 |
| Ropes | \$5.30 |
| Dairy Farms (Old) | \$20 1/2 |
| Dairy Farms (New) | \$19 1/2 |
| Watsons | \$8 1/2 |
| Entertainments | \$6.35 |
| Constructions (Old) | \$1 1/4 |
| Canton Insurance | \$22 1/2 |
| Provident | \$4 1/2 |
| Telephones (Old) | \$25 1/4 |
| Watsons | \$8.00 |
| Union Insurance | \$400/05 |
| Doels | \$19/10/20 |
| Peak Tram (New) | \$4 |
| China Lights (Old) | \$7.90 |
| Electricity | \$52 |
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
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1.03 Selections from Gilbert and
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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press
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1.45 Variety with Lanny Ross
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borough, Greta Keller, and Anton and
The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
"Wake Up and Live" Selection, "The
Hit Parade" Selection, "I'm In The
Mood For Love, I Wish on The
Moon," "Paris Honey-moon" Selec-
tion, "Magyar Melody" Selection.
Would You Take My Heart, "Banjo
On My Knee" Selection, "Champagne
Waltz" Selection.
2.15 Close Down.
8.00 An Hour of Dance Music.
7.00 Closing Local Stock Quota-
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7.02 D.B.C. Recording "Musio
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7.12 Old Favourites from Musical
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

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ridiculous and childish practice is that
no sensible Chancellor of the Exchequer
has ever put his foot down firmly, and
asked the House of Commons to assist
him in doing away with a foolish waste
of public money, for which there is no
necessity and which cannot be justified
on any reasonable grounds.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1914.
The Victoria Cross has been awarded
to two Indian soldiers.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 13, 1929.
On Saturday next the Philharmonic
Society are producing "The Golan."
Whatever criticism may have been
made as to their choice of this musical
comedy, the Society have sufficient
reasons for selecting it in preference
to others.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1934.
Mr. Anthony Eden, representing Great
Britain, Herat Akal, of Italy, and M.
Laval, Foreign Minister of France, have
permeated Yugo-Slavia, acting in con-
cert, to accept a compromise solution
of the Balkan trouble. Hungary will
thus be invited to continue to investi-
gate the alleged terrorist activities
within her borders.

The League of Nations Council met
at 10.45 p.m. and unanimously approved
a compromise arrangement reached
between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary.

Quoted as saying that Japan was
ready to commit national suicide, if it
were necessary in the following of her
plan for establishing peace in the Far
East, that she would even fight
Great Britain and United States if they
stood in her way, Mr. Saito, Japanese
Ambassador to Washington, later de-
clared that he had been incorrectly
reported.

Questioned by Reuter later, he said
he had meant to point out that Britain
and the United States would eventually
understand the Japanese policy, but if
they did not, and forcibly attempted to
twelve Japan, from her corner, then
Japan would be forced to fight.

"Japan," said Mr. Saito, "does not
desire to become an imperialist nation.
We have no idea of becoming the
aggressor in any conflict."

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John
Simon, to-day announced in the House
of Commons that in addition to Britain
and Italy, both the Netherlands and
Sweden Governments had now accepted
the invitation of the League Council
to send contingents to the Saar during
the Plebiscite. Sir John Simon said he
hoped the forces provided by these four
states would be on duty in the Saar
before Christmas.

Colonel Clifford, British Commis-
sioner of the Anglo-Abyssinian Grazing
Commission and his Abyssinian col-
leagues on that body, have withdrawn
since the recent frontier incident be-
tween Italians and Ethiopians.

Instructions have been sent to Colonel
Clifford that as the work of the Com-
missioner cannot proceed in view of re-
cent incidents, he should return to
Britain. Sir John Simon said he
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held on Monday at 8 p.m. at the St.
John Ambulance Brigade Head-
quarters, Tai Hang Road.

The examination in First Aid for
the lectures given by Dr. Dovey at
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will be held at 10 a.m. to-morrow at
the Kowloon Y.M.C.A.

Crossword Puzzle

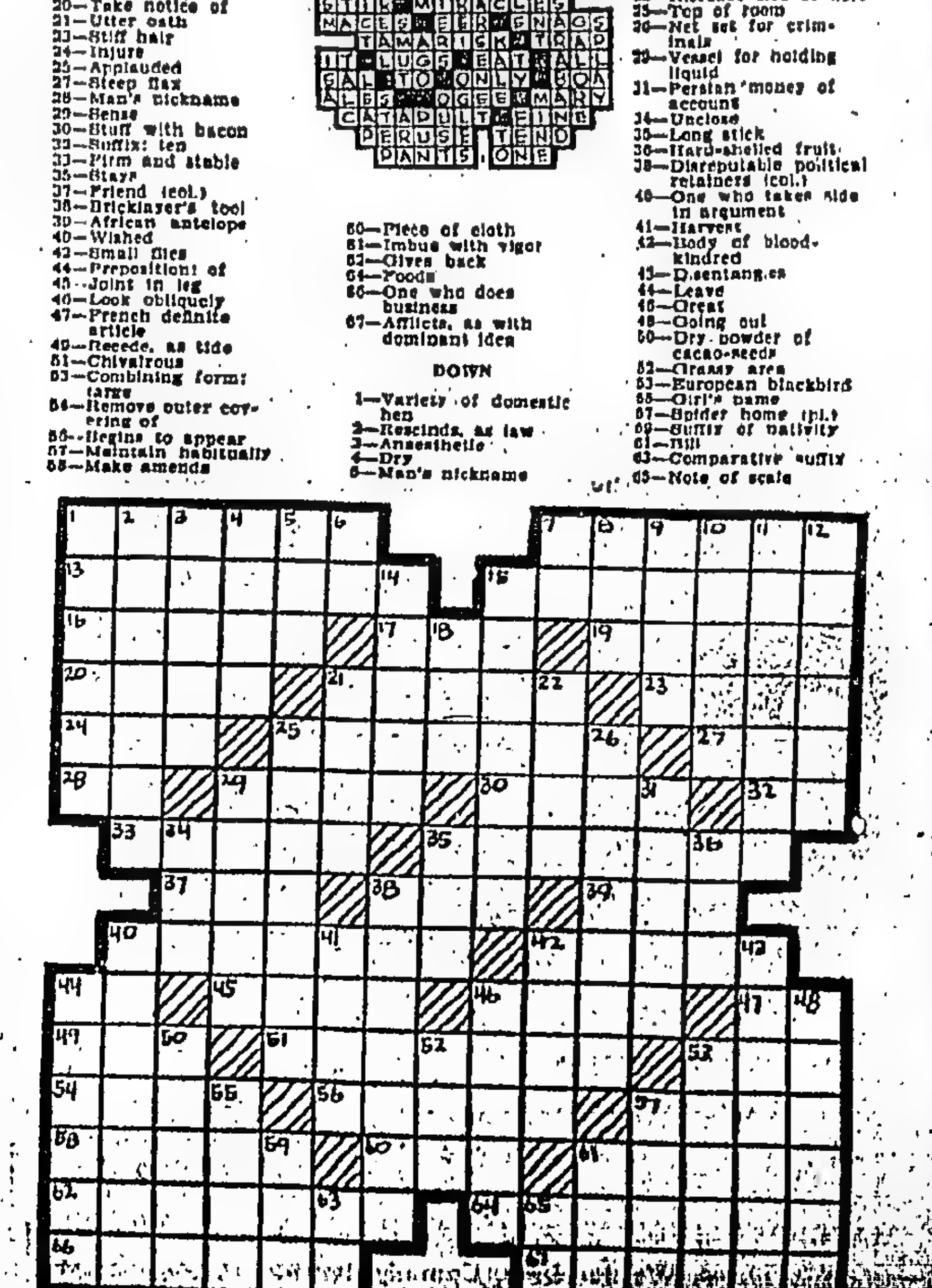
By LARS MORRIS

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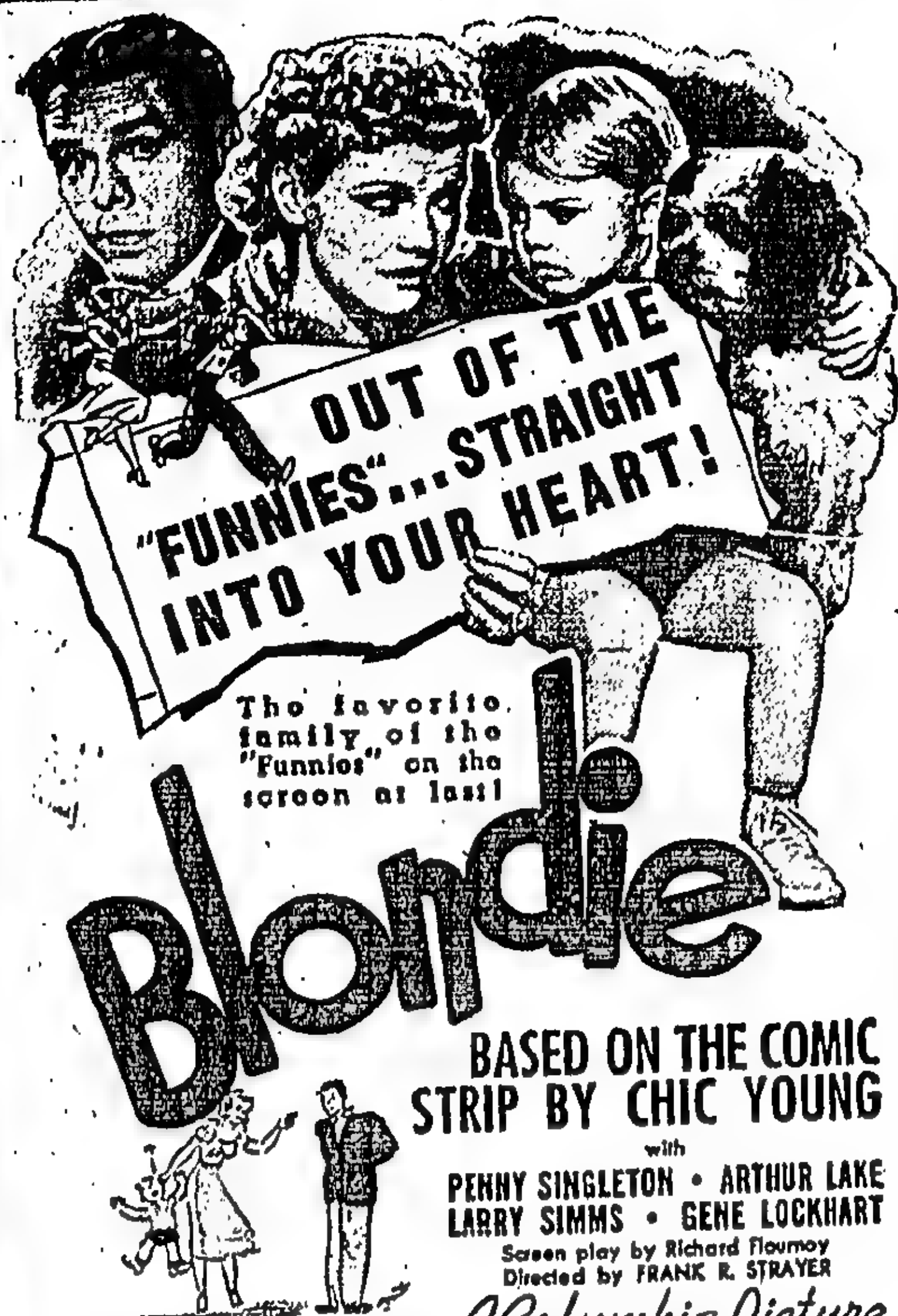
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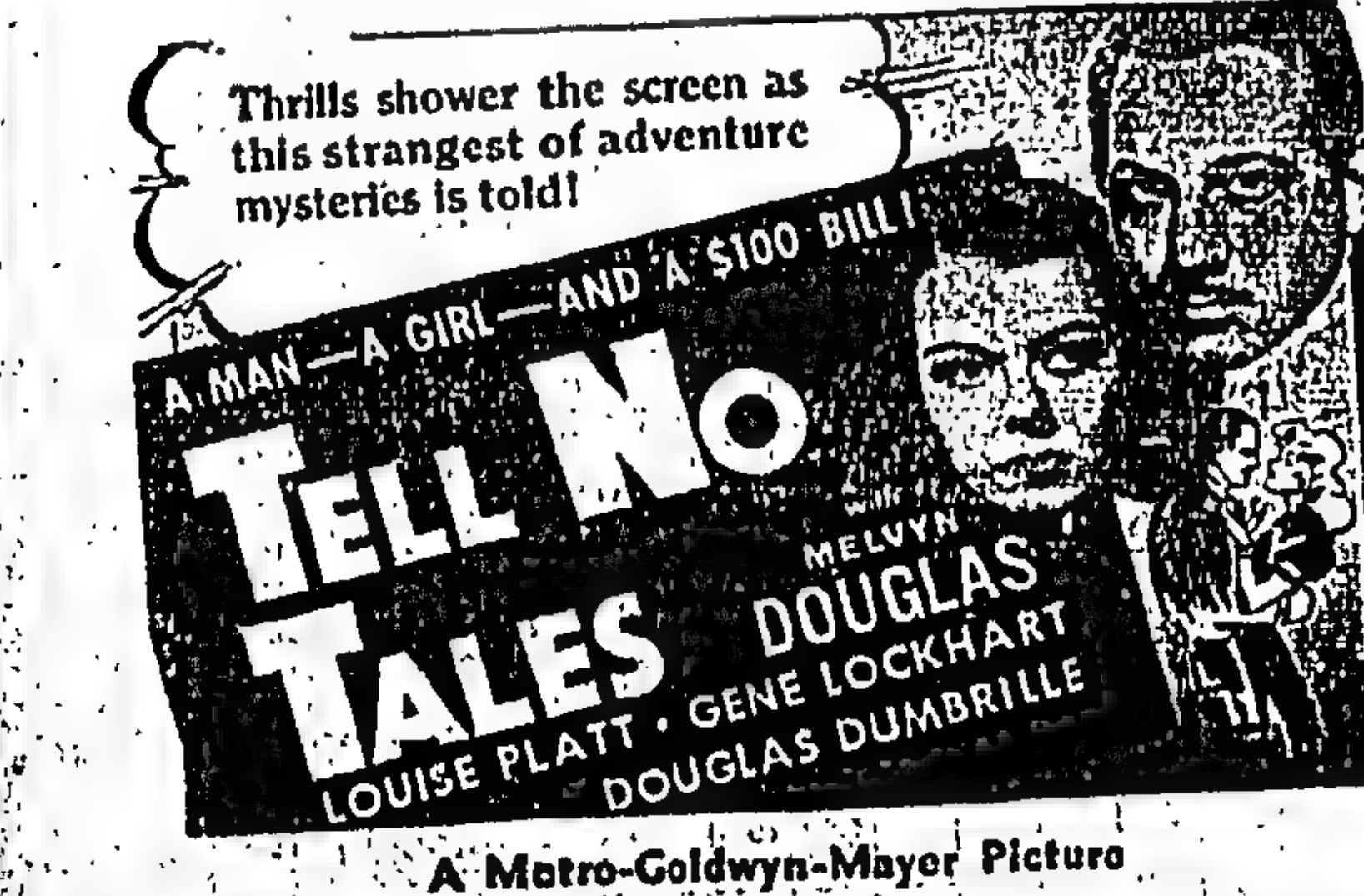
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SECRET CODEBOOK

Editor Heavily Fined For Radio Offence

"Strict observance of the Defence Regulations is extremely important," said Mr. Edwards at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when he imposed a fine of \$1,000 on Koo Pak-men, 28, Editor of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, who pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a note book containing 22 sets of instructions for converting Chinese plain language into a secret code, and four sets of instructions for converting commercial wireless abbreviations etc. into means of secret conveying, receiving or recording information.

A summons against Koo for breach of his broadcast receiving licence was heard at the same time. On this count he was fined \$250 and his set was ordered to be confiscated.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that on November 8, Mr. J. Koo, wireless officer, visited Koo's home in Wyndham Street where he found the documents mentioned in the charge. The contents of a small note-book were 24 methods of conveying information. In a waste-paper basket were a number of telegrams.

Mr. Abbott handed to Mr. Edwards a copy of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, with one of the telegrams found in the flat attached. He said that the newspaper used that telegram almost verbatim.

"Koo was obtaining news through his receiving set and putting the results in newspapers," Mr. Abbott concluded.

"Not Undesirable"

Mr. Russ pointed out that the radio set was Koo's personal property and had nothing to do with the Wah Kiu Yat Po. He went on to say there was no justification to believe that Koo was in any way guilty of undesirable conduct. He had conducted his newspaper well and there was nothing in any leading articles written by him that was detrimental to the Allied cause.

Mr. Russ said it was extremely difficult for an editor to write an interesting leader every day, and Koo had used the radio to gather material for his leaders; nothing had been published that was dangerous to the forces or the authorities. He assured the Court that the code was an ordinary one, and had never been used in Hongkong.

Mr. Abbott asked Mr. Edwards to take a serious view of the case as the radio was not an ordinary one, but one used for receiving communications.

"I have considered all the mitigating features of the case," said Mr. Edwards, "but the fact remains that strict observance of the Defence Regulations and also Telecommunications Ordinance is extremely important since the outbreak of the war."

Mr. Edwards ordered that the code books seized were to be retained by the authorities for the duration of the war.

Mr. Abbott applied for part of the fine to be given as a reward to the person who gave the information leading to the charge. This was granted.

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Gestapo Works Overtime

Mass Arrests All Over Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A wave of new arrests by the Gestapo is reported.

The newspaper, "Halvok," says that anyone in Germany formerly belonging to any opposition party is liable to arrest.

Victims include not only a number of former functionaries of the local Democratic parties, but also army officers.

It is reported that in Berlin alone arrests are estimated at 4,000, while news of mass arrests comes from Leipzig, Dresden, Hanover and especially from the important manufacturing districts.

It is stated that there is no room for them in the concentration camps. Communists are only arrested in exceptional cases.

The purge is reported to have spread to the ranks of the older Storm Troopers and even includes some police officials.

LATE NEWS

PEACE OFFENSIVE

Count Ciano to Make Appeal This Week

London, Dec. 12.
The Press connects Mackensen's return to Rome and M. Pomet's return to Paris from Rome, with Hitler's peace offensive.

In many quarters it is believed that diplomatic activities and German rumours are connected with German attempts to rally neutrals to the peace front and prepare the ground for definite peace proposals, concerning which Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, will make a speech on Friday or Saturday.—United Press.

Berlin Propaganda

Berlin, Dec. 11.
The Der Montag says: "Every State which sent a delegate to the Geneva session was aware in advance that it was participating in an Anglo-French agitation organisation against Germany and Russia, and thus, in a one-sided front of the belligerent parties," the editorial said.

"The very fact that such a session, which is only aimed at stirring up and oppressing neutrals, is held on the territory of a neutral State cannot be reconciled with the law of neutrality which Switzerland has always defended with particular energy. In the further course of the negotiations, all neutral States will notice that in Geneva they are completely under the domination of England and France; because, apart from Soviet Russia, neither Germany, Italy, Spain, the United States or Japan are represented."

The editorial did not appear in the later editions of Der Montag and other morning newspapers did not comment on the League session.—United Press.

TESTING EGYPT'S DEFENCES

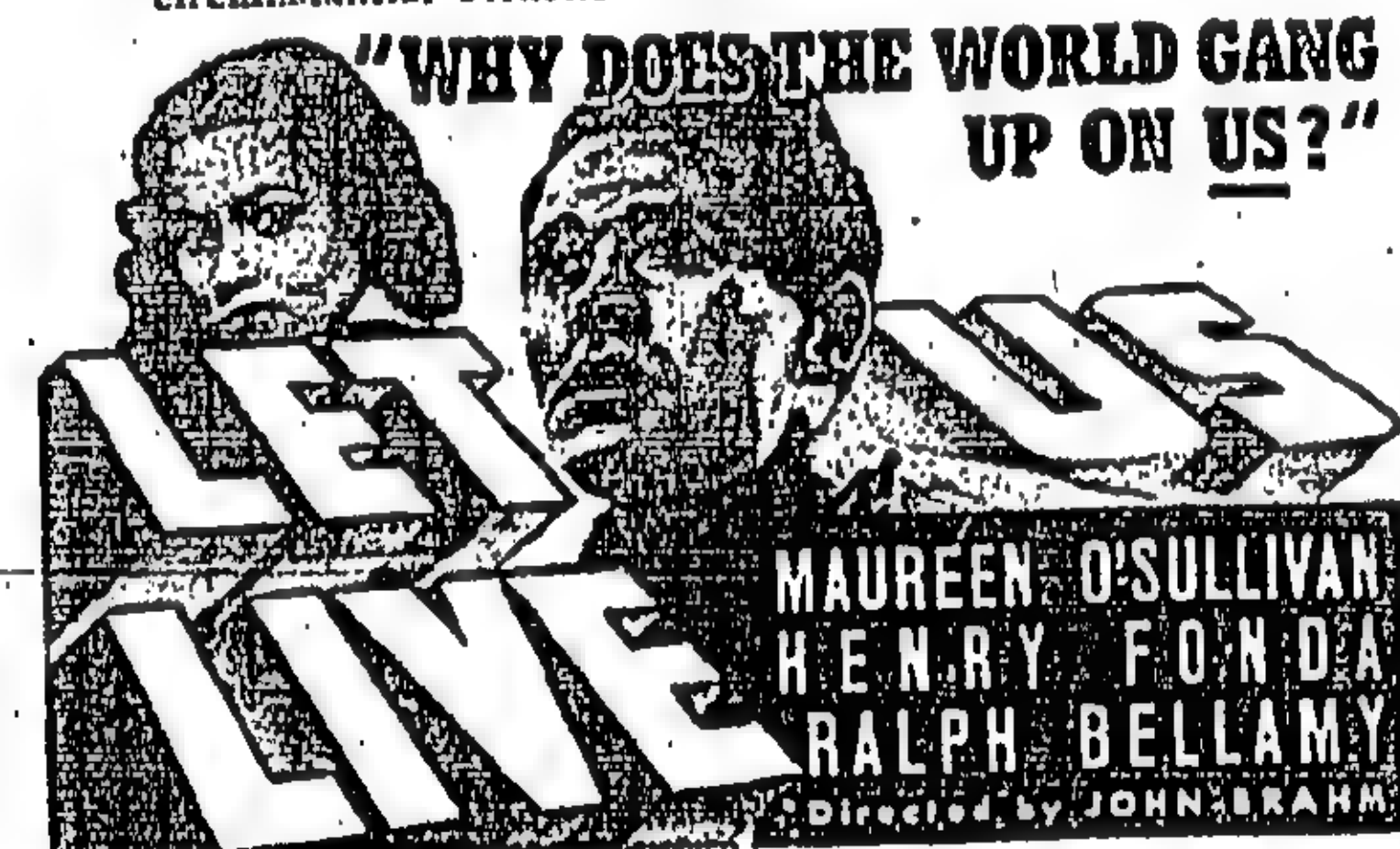
CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—British and Egyptian land, sea and air forces are now engaged side by side in a combined exercise testing Egypt's defences.

A test black-out was held last night over the whole of lower Egypt and the Canal Zone, where the exercises are taking place.

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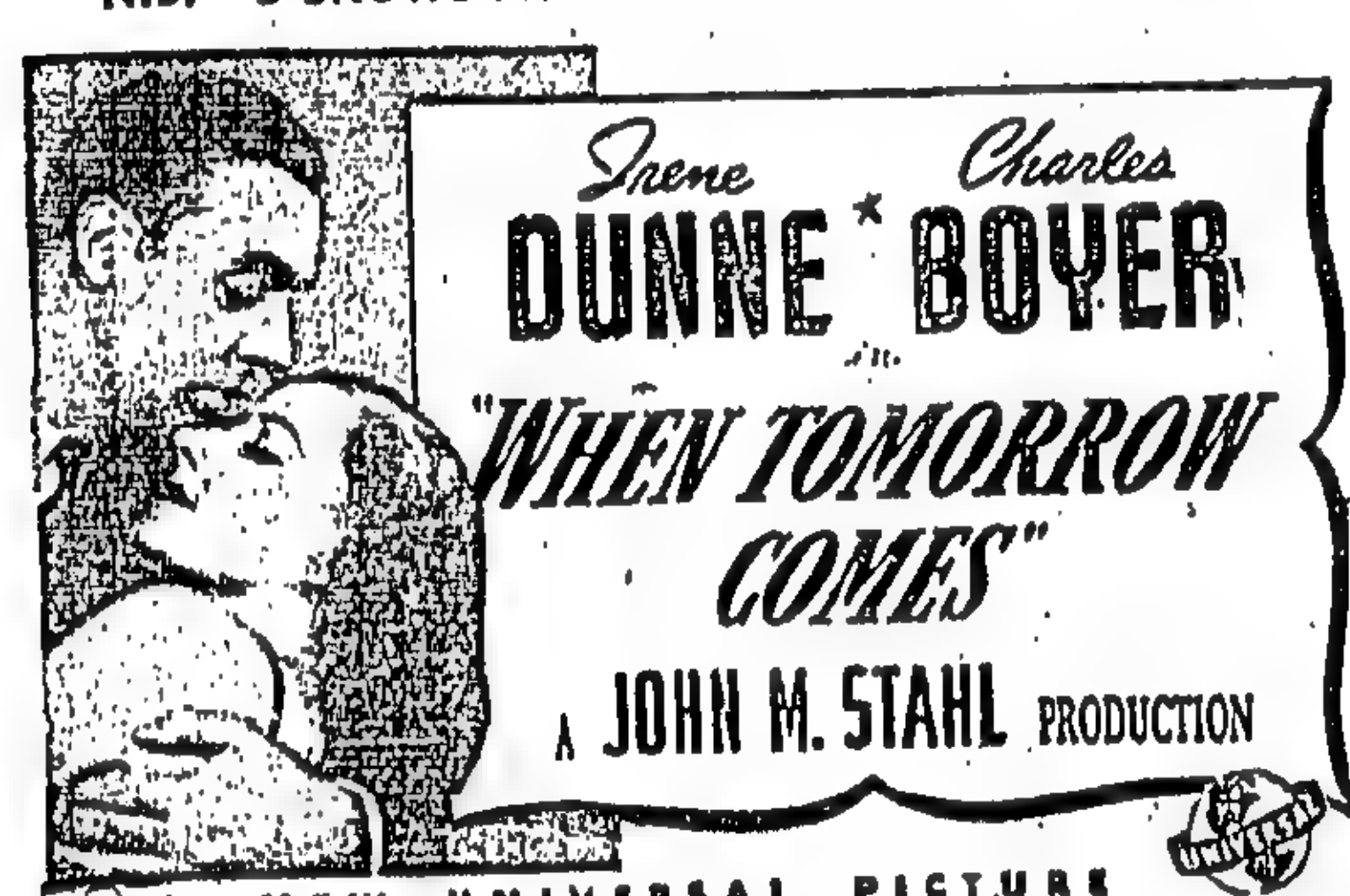


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Russians To Make Supreme Effort To End Finnish Resistance In Few Days

1,500,000 RED TROOPS BELIEVED READY FOR SMASHING OFFENSIVE

INVADERS HOPE TO REACH VITAL GULF

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 12 (UP). — THE RUSSIANS HAVE CONCENTRATED 1,500,000 MEN AND OVER A THOUSAND WARPLANES IN THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS IN PREPARATION FOR A POWERFUL OFFENSIVE BY WHICH IT IS HOPED TO COMPLETELY CRUSH FINNISH RESISTANCE.

This report from unofficial sources in Riga is quoted to-day by the "Exchange Telegraph" Agency.

The offensive is believed to have been decided upon at a meeting in the Kremlin on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by Marshal Voroshiloff, Soviet Commissar for War, and the chiefs of the Leningrad Military Area.

It is believed in Riga that unless Finland is crushed before the end of the month, the rigours of winter will effectively prevent her destruction before next spring.

It is believed that the most important Soviet action will be on the eastern and central Finnish fronts, where the Red Army has been ineffectively attempting to cut across Finland to the Gulf of Bothnia in an attempt to cut the country in half and at the same time straddle the strategic railway with Sweden.

So far the main Mannerheim Line defences have defied all Soviet attempts to break through the central area and the Red Army may also attempt to swing southwards in an attempt to flank them.

REUTER CONFIRMATION

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Correspondents in Russia of Swedish newspapers predict intensification of Soviet offensives in Finland, and mention that 1,500,000 troops and 1,000 planes are being thrown into action soon.

BIG BATTLE IMMINENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Stockholm "Aften Bladet" believes, from reports compiled on the spot, that a large-scale battle is now imminent in Finland.

The Finns will throw all their weight in attempting to check the Red advance between Uleaborg and Tornio. This advance, if successful, would succeed in cutting Finland in two, with the north isolated from the south and the latter cut off from rail communication with Sweden.

Scores of thousands of refugees from Finnish towns along the Gulf of Bothnia coast will be forced to flee, in many cases across a rough sea of ice.

Finns Claim Crushing Defeat of Red Invaders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (UP).—It is officially claimed that the Finnish defenders have inflicted a crushing defeat on the Soviet Red Army on the vital eastern front.

The Russians were completely routed after heavy fighting which has lasted for five days.

Their lines have completely crumbled in the Tolvaajarvi sector. "Hundreds of Russians are dead in front of our trenches in the Karelian Isthmus," the Finnish communiqué claims.

"We have captured considerable booty, including 27 machine-guns."

Red Army Claims

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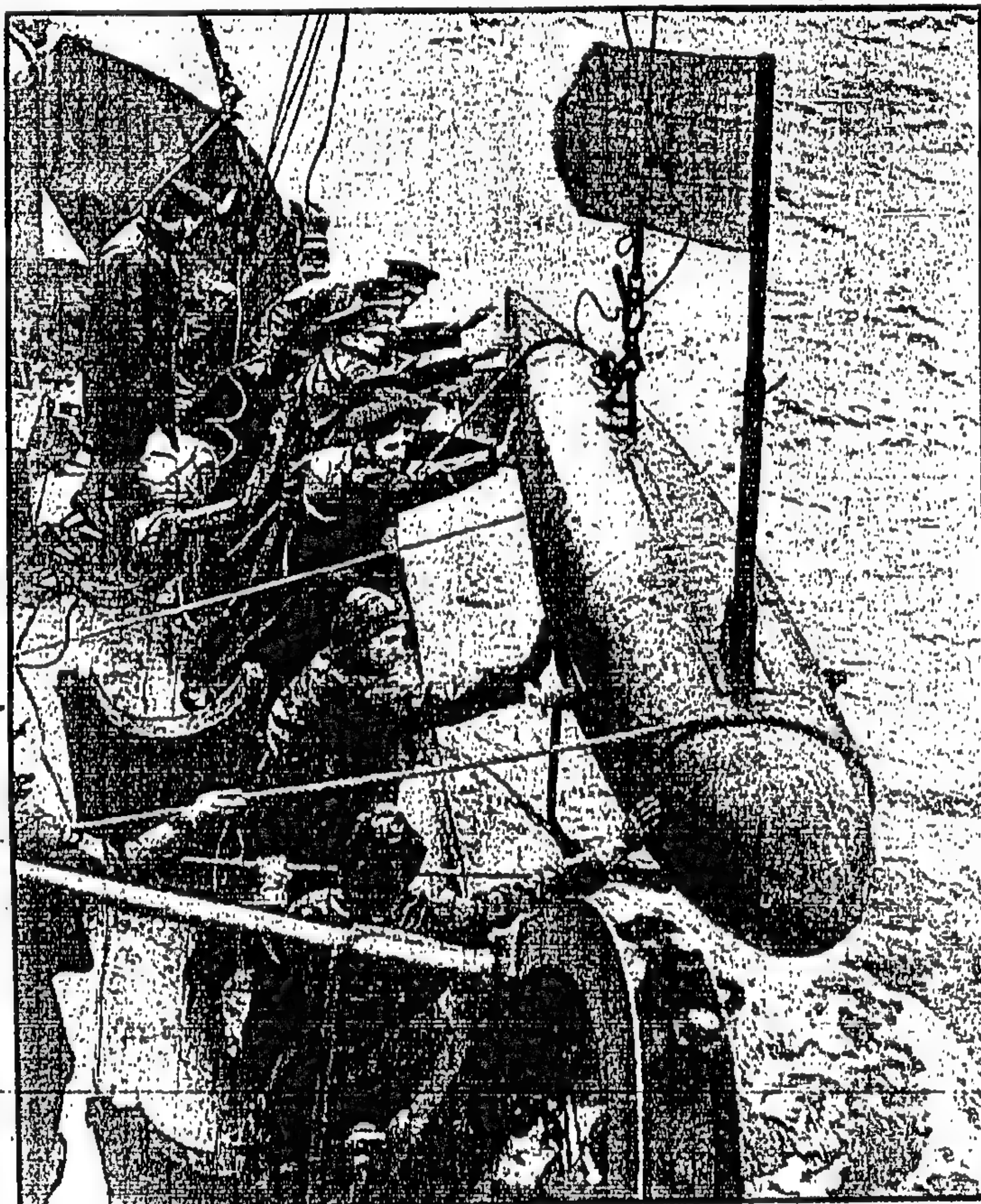
MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Red Army communiqué No. 12 states: "Further advances were made on all fronts."

"In the Tukhta sector, the village of Markjarvi, 55 miles from the border, has been occupied."

"The village of Humtill, on the Petrozavodsk front, and the railway town of Kozvimoja, on the Pikkari-Borjavan line, have also been occupied."

"The Soviet air force is inactive owing to low clouds and fog. There is nothing to report from

The crew of a British mine-sweeper, who shouldered one of the most dangerous tasks of the war, lowering into the sea a grey-painted float, with its marker flag. These floats are linked by wire hawsers, attached to a "kite," and they rip from its moorings any mine that lies in their path.



Finns Allege Russians Responsible

BALTIC SUBMARINE SINKS NAZI LINER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (UP).—The German freighter Bolheim (3,300-tons), en route to Hamburg from a Baltic port, has been sunk by shellfire from an unidentified submarine.

According to Finnish-Radio, the Bolheim was destroyed by a Russian submarine.

The captain and two of the crew were killed. Twenty-nine survivors have been landed in a Finnish port in lifeboats.

The point at which the German ship met its fate is within the area prescribed by the Russian naval blockade of Finland.

The ship was carrying a full cargo of grain to Hamburg.

"Who else, after all, would want to bomb the ship?" the Nazis ask.

Bomb in Nazi Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (UP).—The discovery of a time-bomb in the German steamer Sierra Cornuda as she was leaving Riga on Sunday has led to new Nazi accusations against Britain.

Britons, say inspired Berlin reports, placed the bomb in the ship, which was evacuating German minorities who were being re-settled in the Reich.

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NEW SWEDISH CABINET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (UP).—Sweden's new Cabinet will probably be announced to-morrow.

The provisional list of thirteen members includes five Socialists, two Agrarians, two Conservatives, two Liberal-Prohibitionists and two Non-conformists.

SCANDINAVIA MAY BE NEXT

Invasion By Nazi Believed Possible

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, ships equipped for transporting troops and war material are being concentrated at Ham-burg and Bremen.

The broadcaster comments that these reports might indicate that Germany is planning a landing in Holland.

FRAULEINS CAN HAVE STOCKINGS FOR XMAS

—But We Bet They'll Be Empty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (UP).—Germany's Santa Claus has standardised this year's Christmas presents as one pair of stockings for the fraus and frauleins and a necktie for the men.

As a Christmas concession, the German Government announces that every German woman will be permitted, as from to-day to buy one pair of stockings and every man can buy one necktie—without losing any of the precious points off the 100 points allowance annually as clothing allowance.

Normally, a pair of stockings costs four points, with a maximum of six pairs annually permissible.

As a further concession, groceries are to be permitted to sell spices for Christmas cakes and food.

The concessions will be withdrawn in the new year.

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Threat Against Countries Who Vote For Expulsion From League of Nations

REDS MAY BREAK OFF RELATIONS

LONDON, DEC. 12 (REUTER).—SOVIET CIRCLES IN LONDON DECLARE THAT MOSCOW WILL BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PARIS AND LONDON IF RUSSIA IS EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE.

Similar action will be taken against all countries voting for expulsion.

STRONGEST SUPPORTER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (UP).—Russia's resignation from the League of Nations could only become effective after two years.

One advantage of a Soviet withdrawal would be that individual nations would be relieved of embarrassment in voting for her expulsion.

Russia, for years, has been one of the strongest supporters of the League, and her dues are fully paid up.

Her last contribution was 2,090,000 gold francs.

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More Shocks For World?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, DEC. 12 (UP).—"The world must be prepared for more major surprises in this war."

This prophecy was made to-day by Mr. Joseph Davies, U. S. Ambassador to Brussels, who arrived in New York by the Italian liner Rex.

"The most amazing thing about the war," he added, "has been its surprises."

"Most of them are still in the bag."

Mr. Davies said that he was satisfied that neither the Allies nor Germany would invade Belgium.

"Nevertheless, Belgium is taking no chances," he declared.

King Leopold he described as a "real guy," and the man most responsible for Belgium's state of preparedness.

The Ambassador plans to return to Belgium as soon as possible.

GIB. HAS RAID ALARM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 12 (UP).—Gibraltar had its first air raid alarm to-day.

Two unidentified planes approached the Rock from the east at 11.30 a.m., when the sirens were sounded.

They returned in the same direction shortly afterwards. The All Clear was sounded at noon.

LATEST

Steamer Founders On Hidden Rock

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The 988-ton steamer Middelro is the latest victim of the seas.

This time, however, the elements, and not the Nazis, has claimed a British ship.

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Collier Mined

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The British collier Marwickhead (496-tons) struck a mine and sank off the east coast on Tuesday. Six of the crew are missing. The remaining five, including the captain, are now in hospital.

Wholesale Murder

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Paris-Radio claims that, following wholesale executions in the Pomorie district, the Gestapo has turned its attention to the Poznan district, where 5,000 anti-Nazis have been executed.

STOCK MARKETS ENJOY FLURRY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the quiet market was relieved by only a short-lived flurry of buying of oil shares, while rubbers improved in the late session.

Among commodities, cotton advanced by the permissible daily limit in the early session.

Much professional interest was diverted to the rubber market, on account of which prices rose sharply near positions representing 12d.

Wall Street was irregular.

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CIANO SPEECH AWAITED

ROME, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is to make his keenly awaited speech on foreign affairs on Saturday morning.

There is increasing speculation on the likely content of his speech, with persistent rumours that he will indicate new proposals with Germany's approval.

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Allies Agree To Pool All Resources Against Common Enemy

ONE BIG EMPIRE FOR DURATION OF WAR: MOMENTOUS DECISION



A sentry with fixed bayonet (above) stands on guard outside the barbed wire enclosure in which the German prisoners are exercising.

Britain And France Pool Cost Of War On 3-2 Basis

PARIS, Dec. 13 (UP).—For the first time in their history, Great Britain and France are to pool all their resources.

M. Reynaud, the French Minister for Finance, has announced that an Anglo-French financial and economic agreement of an unprecedented nature has been signed by the two Allies.

The agreement will be valid until six months after the signing of a peace treaty.

Under this agreement, Britain and France will pool the cost of the war.

War costs will be based on each country's national wealth.

Britain will pay three-fifths of the total costs and France will pay two-fifths.

Other points—

1.—There will be no change in sterling and franc parities for the duration of hostilities.

2.—Each will supply the other with necessary amounts of their respective currencies without gold deliveries.

3.—France is authorised to spend its sterling holdings in sterling areas. Britain may spend its franc holdings in the French Empire.

4.—Expenditure in the United States, or in gold countries, will be equitably shared.

5.—Neither will issue a foreign loan, or contract credits, without the approval or support of the other.

6.—Neither will impose new import restrictions against the other, either for reasons of protecting markets or for monetary considerations, for the entire duration of the war.

7.—Both signatories will co-operate in maintaining price levels.

8.—In addition to sharing war costs on the 3-2 basis, both countries will extend financial assistance to Third Powers, and will pay on an equitable basis for the maintenance of the Polish Army.

Action On The West Front

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A communiqué says that during the night there were short encounters in the region between the Sarre and the Forest of Warndt.

During the day there had been yet another engagement as well as artillery duels in the same region. Our outposts everywhere remained intact.

THIS IS THE NAZI WAY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The 1,400 ton Swedish ship Torno struck a mine in Swedish territorial waters and sank. All those aboard have been rescued.

The motor vessel, King Egbert, was sunk in the North Sea after an explosion early to-day.

One member of the crew is believed to be drowned. The remaining 32 members and

pilot took to the boats and were picked up by a neutral ship which later transferred them to an East Coast life-boat.

The King Egbert was of 4,535 tons and was built in 1926. She belonged to the King Line Ltd.

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AIR TRAGEDY IN HAMPSHIRE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that a Fleet Air Arm aircraft collided with a balloon barrage cable near Southampton to-day.

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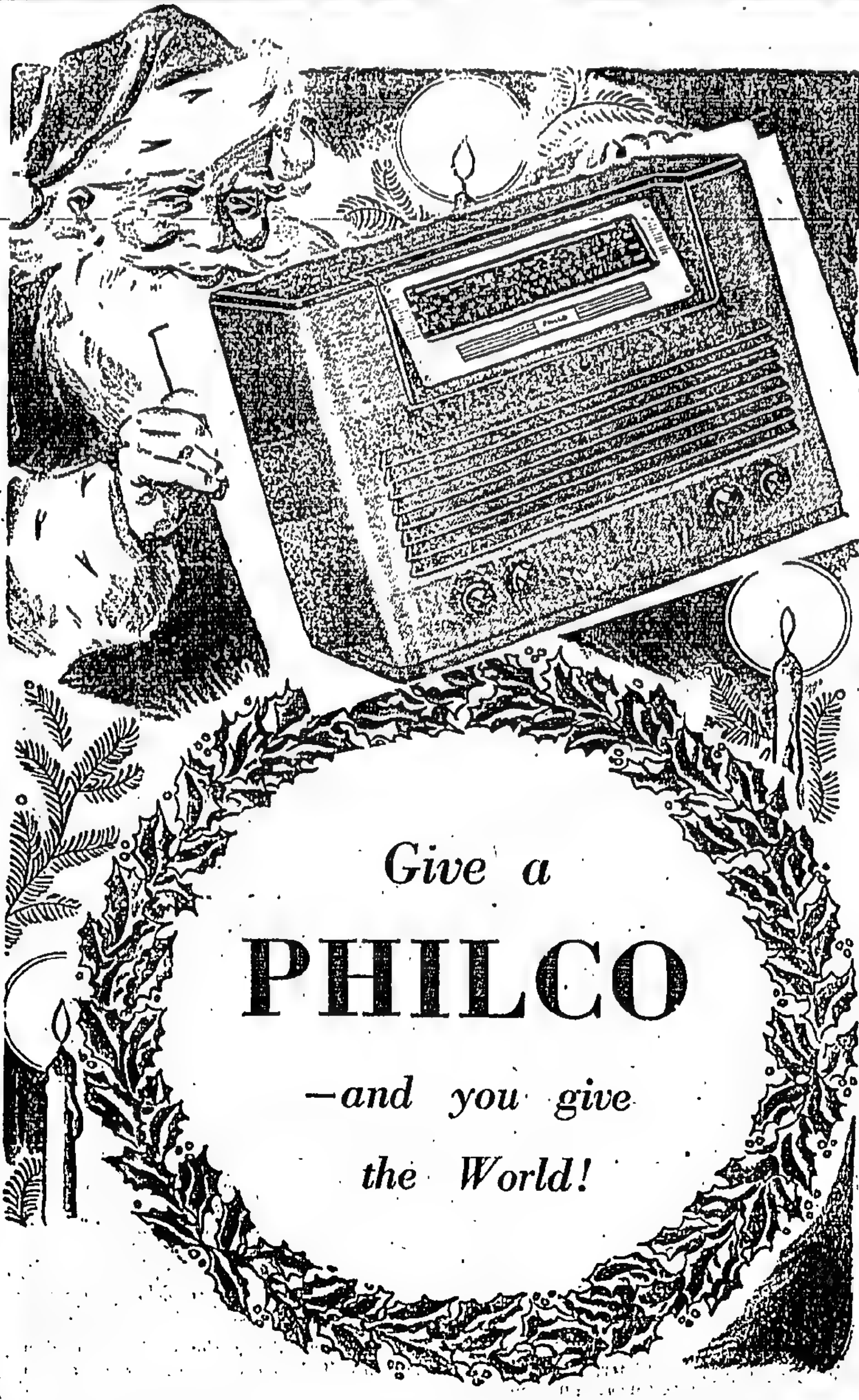
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Swing To The Axis And—

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 13 (Domei).—The Italian Embassy in Tokyo has issued a statement, re-affirming the solidarity of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

The statement says: "Although Italy is maintaining a non-belligerent attitude in Europe, she is according spiritual assistance to Germany in the current European conflict."

The statement confirms the text of the manifesto issued by the Fascist Grand Council on Friday.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 12 (Domei).—Tunisia's Corsica D'Albion! Italy's pre-war slogan may be revived as a result of the latest declaration by Signor Gayda, editor of the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia."

Gayda declares that world colonies should be divided in accordance with the requirements of the various Powers.

His declaration is regarded in some circles as a prelude to a fresh Italian campaign against French colonial possessions.

Italy, asserted Gayda, must secure free trade routes through the Mediterranean outlets.

Meanwhile, Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and Foreign Minister, is expected to make an important speech on Italy's foreign policy on Wednesday, when he will address a meeting of the Fascist Co-operative Council.

—Swing (Axis) Music

ONE of the tunes broadcast from Radio Rome last night was "Won't you change partners and dance with me?" They call it "Compagna mia" (My partner).

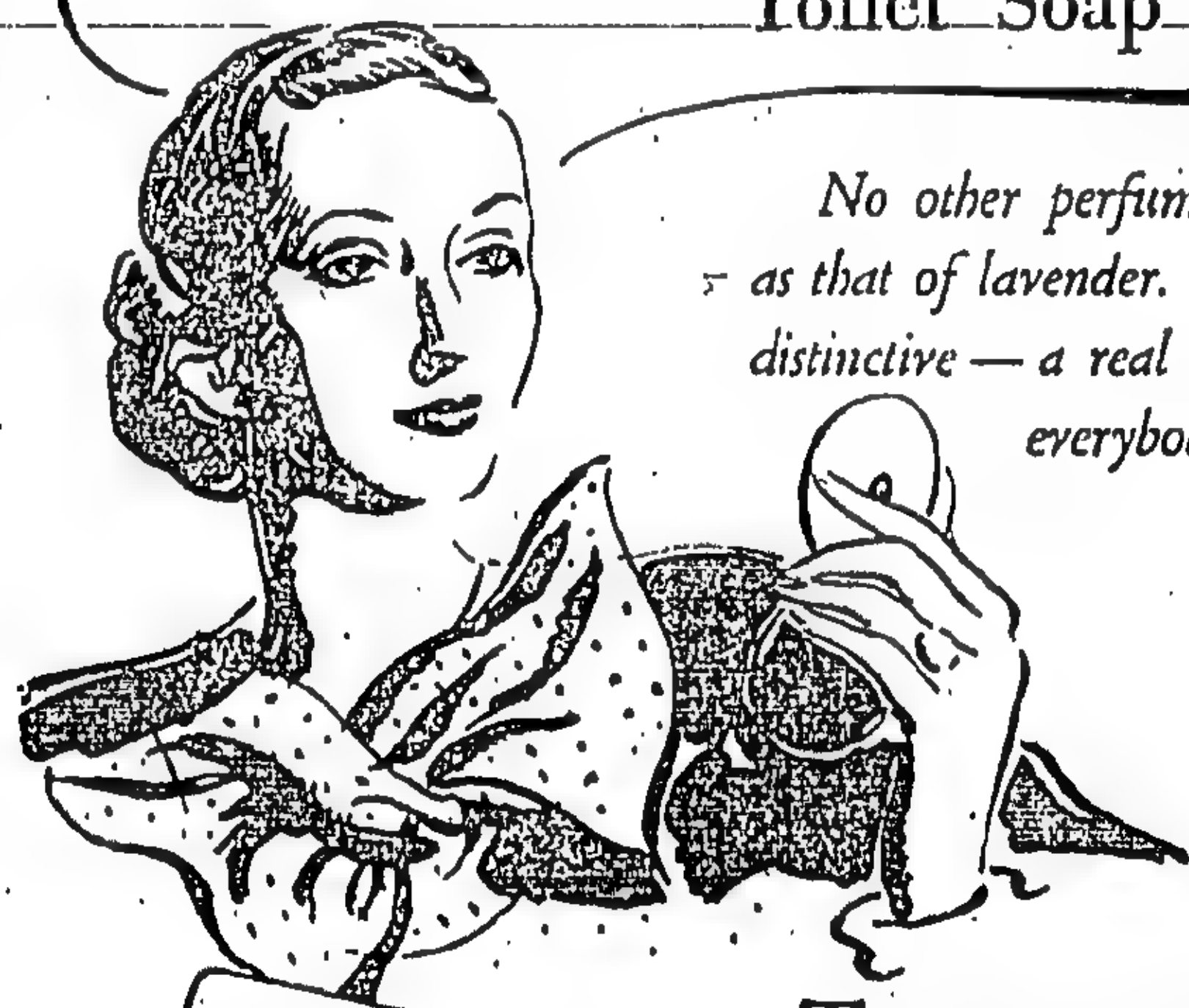
NAZIS BUY OIL BUT CAN'T TRANSPORT IT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Dec. 12 (UP).—Oil experts revealed to-day that Rumania has more oil on hand for Germany than the Nazis can possibly move under present transportation difficulties. As a result, German pressure to-day is greater on Rumanian railroad authorities than on the oil producers.

There is a great shortage of oil tanks have left for distant ports. The greater bulk of supplies on hand has already been sold. Germany has already purchased her allotted portion and is determined to ship it at the earliest possible moment. Although Rumanian authorities do not relish Berlin's insistence, they are doing their utmost to meet the Reich halfway.

Nazis Complete Purchases
One of Rumania's largest tankers was sunk in the British Channel a few weeks ago, and since then fewer tanks have left for distant ports.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Admiralty—and admitted by authorised circles in Berlin—that the British Navy has deliberately spared the 51,200-ton Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Bremen from destruction.

A British submarine sighted the crack ocean greyhound of the German Mercantile Marine this morning as she was bound from Murmansk to Germany, off the Norwegian coast.

The liner was within torpedo range.

But the Commander of the submarine, as he watched the greyhound tear past his periscope sights at 31 knots, refrained from giving the order that would have sent four torpedoes into her hull.

All British naval vessels have been given strict instructions that, in no circumstances, must they contravene the rules of warfare regarding the safety of people at sea.

These rules state that no enemy merchant vessel must be destroyed until all persons aboard are removed to safety.

"Cannot" Be Sunk

Naval circles, in explaining why the Bremen was allowed to continue her voyage, made the following announcement this morning:

"Under the Submarine Protocol, in which Germany herself has subscribed, merchantmen, even if armed for purely defensive purposes, may not be sunk without warning or before the passengers and crew are placed in safety."

"Under the Arctic conditions reigning off the Norwegian coast, open lifeboats, even if near land, might not properly be considered a place of safety."

"The British submarine concerned could not possibly take aboard all the

survivors if the Bremen had been torpedoed."

Berlin Admission
BERLIN, Dec. 13 (UP).—Authorised Nazi naval circles admit that a British submarine approached to within torpedo range of the N.D.L. liner Bremen—greatest liner in the Nazi merchant fleet—as it was proceeding through the North Sea to-day.

The Nazis will not fully admit the forbearance of the British commander, however.

They claim that the submarine was forced to submerge by a German reconnaissance plane.

The Bremen was en route from Murmansk to an unnamed German port, and has probably already reached her destination.

The plane was not conveying the German liner, but was merely on patrol duty over the North Sea.

"The return of the Bremen to a German port is not altogether unexpected," Nazi circles add.

British Respect For

International Law

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced this afternoon that British respect for international law saved the giant German liner, Bremen.

The Bremen, it will be recalled, left New York three days before war was declared and managed to get safely through to the Soviet Arctic port of Murmansk, since when nothing has been heard of her.

To-day, however, the Admiralty announced that a British submarine had sighted her homeward bound.

Within Torpedo Range
The Bremen passed within torpedo range but the submarine was prevented by international law from torpedoing her without warning.

The Bremen, it is learned, was sighted in the morning.

International law forbids the sinking of merchant ships unless all the people aboard can first be placed in a place of safety, and open boats in an open sea are not places of safety.

The submarine obviously could not take all those in the Bremen aboard. It also could not capture the Bremen which has a far higher turn of speed.

Safe In Nazi Port
BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Bremen has safely reached a German port.

Warship Escort
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Domei).—The Bremen has arrived at Bremen-shaven. It is revealed that the 51,731-ton liner was escorted during the latter stages of her voyage by a combined convey of German warships and aircraft.

R.A.F. Inspected In France

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter's Special Correspondent with the R.A.F. in France).—Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, Chief of Air Staff, began his first detailed inspection of R.A.F. units on the Western Front to-day.

Sir Cyril reached headquarters in the afternoon from another part of France.



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CONCESSION TO NEUTRALS

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, said in the House of Commons to-day that it was sufficient at present to prevent goods of enemy origin reaching their overseas destinations as the Government was anxious to cause as little loss and inconvenience to neutrals as possible.

The question of whether a more vigorous procedure might be adopted in future, however, must depend on future circumstances.



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FINLAND'S RESISTANCE

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part of Finland's heroic defenders still continue to reach outside sources. A report published in a Copenhagen newspaper describes the action of a single Finnish soldier, who planted himself in a tree top with a machine-gun and single-handedly repelled all Russian attempts to advance.

The lone fighter accounted for seventy-seven Russians before he was blasted to pieces. Finnish ski patrols continue their guerrilla tactics, decimating Russian advance columns whenever they appear among Finland's famous forests. Evacuees arriving at Kirkkonen claim that Soviet troops machine-gunned fifteen young fisher-girls and four other women when they tried to escape.

Russian Holiday May Be "Zero Hour"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Finns are hastily strengthening their defence line and are also understood to be planning a counter-stroke by pouring very heavy reinforcements into the Petsamo front.

The object of this, according to neutral observers, is partly to divert the force of the Russian attack, and partly to threaten the Murmansk railway.

At present there is little indication as to when this offensive will be made.

One theory is that to-morrow—a Russian holiday—may be the zero hour.

Some circles think that the Red Army will wait until the ice in the lakes is thick enough to bear mechanized transport.

Soviets Lose Prestige

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Finnish observers are gradually coming to the conclusion that the Russians at present have only third-rate soldiers in the field, though the Moscow commanders, finding that they have greatly under-estimated the strength of the resistance, have now decided to bring up their first-class reserves.

Meanwhile the centre of gravity of the fighting has suddenly shifted from the Karelian Isthmus to the centre of Finland, where the Russians are trying to drive a wedge to split the country in half.

Very heavy fighting is proceeding on the whole front around the pleasure resort of Suomussalmi and further north near Kuolajaervi.

The Russians are reported to have a very large force here and the Finns are rushing up reinforcements.

It is unofficially reported that Finnish planes to-day bombed and destroyed 12 miles of railway in the outskirts of Murmansk.

Weather Takes Heavy Toll

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An official announcement states that so far three out of four Soviet casualties have been caused by cold and exposure.

Violent Fighting

ROME, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Rome circles are following the fighting in Finland with great interest.

It is stated here that the Soviet attacks have been extended over the whole eastern front and fighting has been very violent during the past 24 hours.

Finnish Communiqué

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A Finnish communiqué states that there was severe fighting in the whole line of the Karelian Isthmus, and especially fierce in the Muola village.

"The enemy made several attacks, all of which were repulsed."

"The enemy left hundreds of dead in front of our lines. Several enemy tanks were destroyed."

"The enemy made several attempts to break through the eastern frontier."

Great Battle

"A great battle was fought at Tolvaakari."

"Our troops captured 52 machine guns and other war materials."

"Three battalions of the enemy infantry were annihilated and several tanks put out of action."

"Enemy attacks on Lillmola, supported by heavy artillery, were repulsed."

"Fighting continues in the northern sector of the eastern front."

"Enemy planes bombed Hymnalmi and some islands in the Gulf of Finland with no result."

"Our air-force bombed and machine-gunned the enemy lines and machine columns of troops."

"Brief Soviet Communiqué"

"MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—To-day's Soviet war communiqué was again brief."

Gestapo Does Overtime In Arresting Germans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A wave of new arrests by the Gestapo is reported.

The newspaper, "Havolk," says that anyone in Germany formerly belonging to any opposition party is liable to arrest.

Victims include not only a number of former functionaries of the local Democratic parties, but also army officers.

It is reported that in Berlin alone arrests are estimated at 4,000, while news of mass arrests comes from Leipzig, Dresden, Hanover and especially from the armament manufacturing districts.

It is stated that the victims are so numerous that there is no room for them in the concentration camps.

Communists are only arrested in exceptional cases.

The purge is reported to have spread to the ranks of the older Storm Troopers and even includes some police officials.

"No League Action, If You Please!"

BRITISH PRESS ON FINLAND'S APPEAL

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British Press is principally taken up with the League Assembly at Geneva.

While the justice of Finland's appeal is fully recognised, there are serious misgivings as to whether the League will be able to take effective action.

The "News Chronicle" stresses the fact that Britain and France to-day are the only two great Powers in Geneva. They are fully engaged in a major war.

Smaller nations could expect no similar assistance if they got into trouble over the application of sanctions.

Many of the smaller nations too are primarily concerned with maintaining their own neutrality.

Berlin The Root Trouble
The "Daily Telegraph" feels that there was hardly a less favourable time for the exercise of the League's authority. But the root of the trouble lies not in Moscow but in Berlin. Sever that root and the offshoots will weaken.

The Allies are doing the world's work and will be wise if they do not allow any resolution which the League, in its righteous indignation, may pass to deflect them from their main purpose.

On Home Topics
On home topics, the "Daily Herald" welcomes the work of the Art and Entertainment Emergency Council, which will endeavour to keep going those connected with the various arts and entertainments.

Art and education are not luxuries, says the paper. They are necessities. The real question which gives meaning to our lives and to the cause in which we are fighting.

The "Daily Express" wants the shopping hours extended and more light during black-outs, while the "Daily Mail" welcomes the scheme to make British documentary films as counter Nazi screen propaganda.

American Feeling Aroused

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Public opinion in the United States against Soviet Russia is rising.

Thousands are attending mass meetings of protest, and contributions are pouring into the Finnish Fund which is under the aegis of Mr. Herbert Hoover, the former President.

Typical of the Press Comment is that of the "New York Times," which says that the real question is not how many eloquent resolutions will be passed praising Finland and condemning Russia, but how many guns the Finns can acquire.

Not Barred By Act

Finland needs aeroplanes and ammunition. The fighting there is not a war within the meaning of the present Neutrality Act, and the United States is not barred under the Johnson Act which forbids loans to countries defaulting on their War Debts from making loans to Finland.

The United States hopes that ways will be found to give prompt aid where it is most needed.

It reports progress north of Lake Ladoga, but the bottle-neck between the north shore of Lake Ladoga and the chain of small lakes where the Finns have three prepared defensive lines is still not penetrated.

Russian troops apparently are still held up upon the Karelian Isthmus. Observers in Moscow suspect that the Red Army has attempted to rush deep into the Finnish defences without adequate artillery preparation.

Official Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 12 (UP).—Finland's official communiqué on the 12th day of the war with Russia states:

"Fierce attacks were launched, by the enemy on the Karelian Isthmus and in central Finland."

"We repulsed the Russians. They lost 100 dead at one point, and three battalions were routed at another."

"Large amounts of war materials have been captured and our troops have destroyed several Russian tanks."

"The Soviet onslaughts have been checked in both sectors, but heavy fighting continues."

"Elsewhere along the 800-mile front, the Finnish Air Force has successfully bombed Russian concentrations."

Soviet May Resign Council Presidency LEAGUE ULTIMATUM REJECTED BY U.S.S.R.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, DEC. 12 (DOMEI).—FORESTALLING POSSIBLE EXPULSION BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, THE MOSCOW GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS RESIGNATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW HOURS, ACCORDING TO A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE FROM MOSCOW.

Complete silence prevails in Moscow regarding the League "ultimatum."

Neither the press nor Moscow Radio have been permitted to comment. The Soviet appears to be completely ignoring Geneva.

"ULTIMATUM" REJECTED

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (UP).—It is officially announced that M. Molotov, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, has categorically rejected the League "ultimatum" and offer to mediate.

The rejection was contained in a formal telegram to the League, in which Molotov also referred to his letter last week to M. Avenol, Secretary General of the League.

In this letter, Russia expressed the opinion that the convening of the League to hear Finland's appeal constituted an "insult, since Soviet Russia does not recognise the Helsingfors Government."

The League's time limit for a Soviet reply to the ultimatum elapsed before any official confirmation of the reply was despatched.

An official spokesman confirmed the receipt of the League's message but denied any knowledge of the time limit.

The Soviet Union had not replied to the League's ultimatum when the deadline expired at 4 p.m.

A Soviet delegate at Geneva told "United Press" that the Soviet would not reply. He insisted that the Soviet was unable to recognise the present League session, which "constitutes a censure of the Moscow Government."

The League Assembly meets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday to discuss the Soviet invasion of Finland and also the Russian expulsion from the League which the Argentinian delegate is scheduled to present in an eight-page document in the form of a speech asking for unconditional expulsion of the Soviet. Unconfirmed reports reaching the League Secretariat state that the Soviet will resign rather than submit to pressure.

It has also been learned that the Soviet Under-Secretary to the League has been in conference with leading members of the League when he is reported to have explained the Soviet position.

Committee's Report
GENEVA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Moscow was given until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning (December 13) to reply to the League telegram because of the uncertainty about the time of receipt.

While waiting for Moscow's reply, the Committee of Fourteen completed a report on the dispute.

The report falls into three parts. The first is a historical review. The second sets out the laws and treaties involved. The third discusses the juridical conclusion to be drawn.

The Committee will meet to-morrow afternoon when it will be decided what recommendations to add to the report.

League Appeal Rejected
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—According to the Paris radio, the Russian reply received at Geneva rejects the League's appeal for a cessation of hostilities against Finland.

To Ignore Threats?
GENEVA, Dec. 12 (UP).—General opinion in diplomatic circles here believes that the League will ignore the Soviet threat of resignation and will attempt to expel the President of the Council (Russia).

A serious obstacle to expulsion is provided by the Chinese delegation, which has announced itself as being strongly opposed to such a step.

The spokesman for the Chinese delegation, which is headed by Dr. Koo, told "United Press":

"We are in a difficult position. If we vote against Russia we shall be ungrateful to the nation that has helped us. If we vote against expulsion, the world will say that we are with the communists."

Other sources believe that Germany is agitating for Russia's expulsion, from which the Reich would probably profit.

SISTER SHIP OF SQUALUS

Near Disaster At Sea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The United States submarine Sea Dragon, sister ship of the ill-fated Squalus, has had to put back into her base with her electrical equipment partly flooded, due to circumstances apparently similar to the cause of the Squalus disaster.



THE JAPANESE MANDATES, showing their strategic position in the Pacific.

JAPANESE TAKE OVER MANDATES

Pacific Islands Now Part Of Empire?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (UP).—Japan, whose resignation from the League has already become effective and who refused to return the mandated territories entrusted to her by the League, has now apparently seized the strategic Pacific Islands as part of the Japanese Empire.

Tokyo has apparently rejected all semblance of international control in the former German islands.

For the first time, she has failed to submit the annual report regarding administration of the islands to the Permanent Mandates Commission.

Japan agreed, with other Mandatory Powers, to submit reports on the territories under mandatory control when she took over the islands.

VIOLATION
It is understood that the Permanent Mandates Commission considers Japan's failure in this respect to be a violation of the Mandatory Clauses in the League Covenant.

Japan has thus set the League Council another problem which must be dealt with sooner or later.

The League Covenant says: "In every case of mandate, the Mandatory shall render to the Council an annual report in reference to the territory committed to its charge."

"The Mandatory will not be permitted to establish fortifications or military or naval bases, and will also secure equal opportunities for the trade and commerce of other Members of the League."

How Gestapo Terror Works

Making Sure Of Their Evidence

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A report from a high Nazi source at the Swiss-German frontier states that, in order to hide the fact that Elser, "the man who placed the bomb in the Munich beer garden," was actually in Dachau concentration camp at the time of the explosion, the Gestapo has executed three men who might "tell."

The three men in question were in the same cell at Dachau as Elser at the time of the explosion.

Their names are Peters, Becker and Staltesfeld.

They were Elser's closest friends in the concentration camp.

They were executed on December 5 after refusing to sign a statement declaring that they and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1940.

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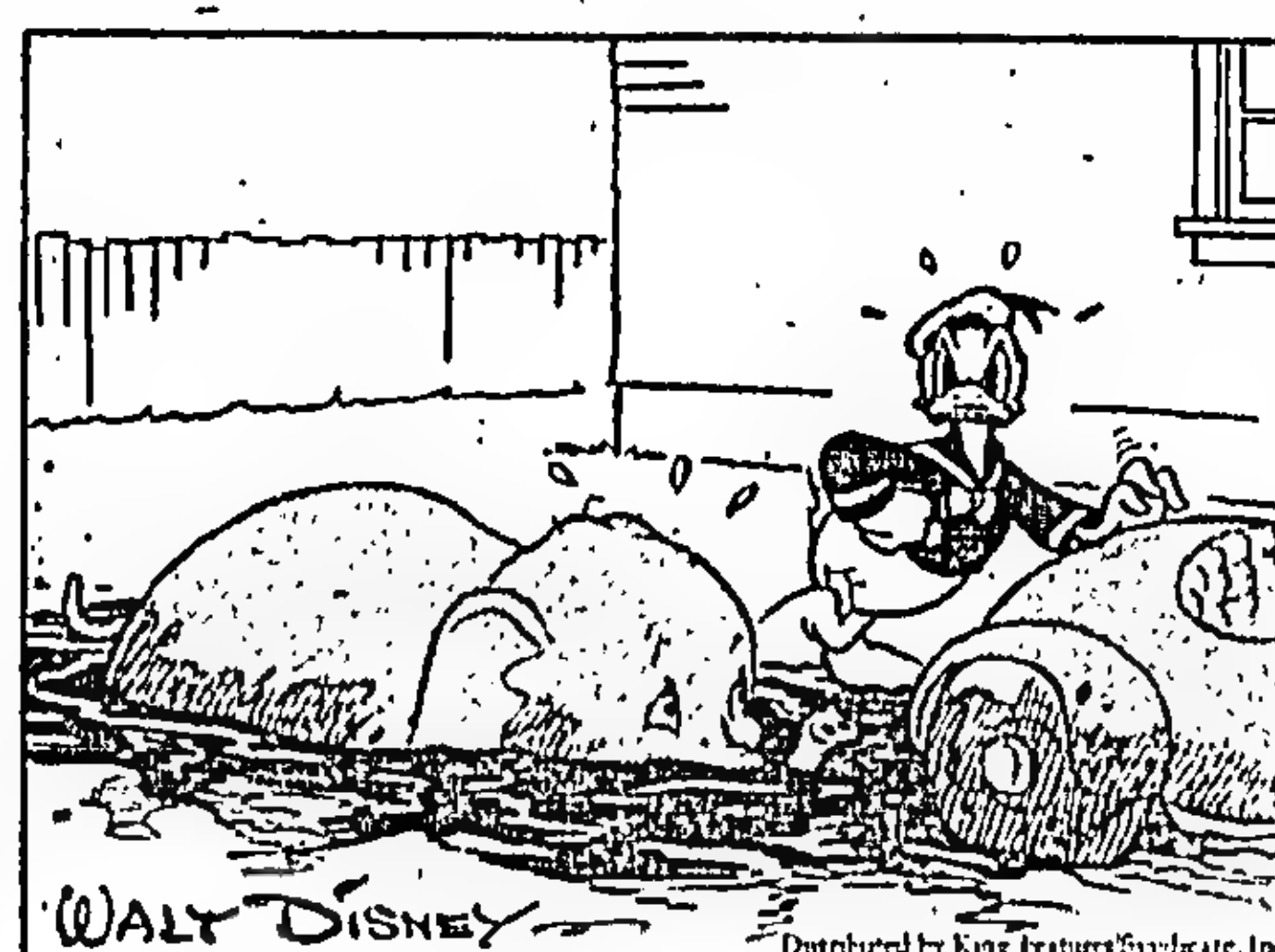
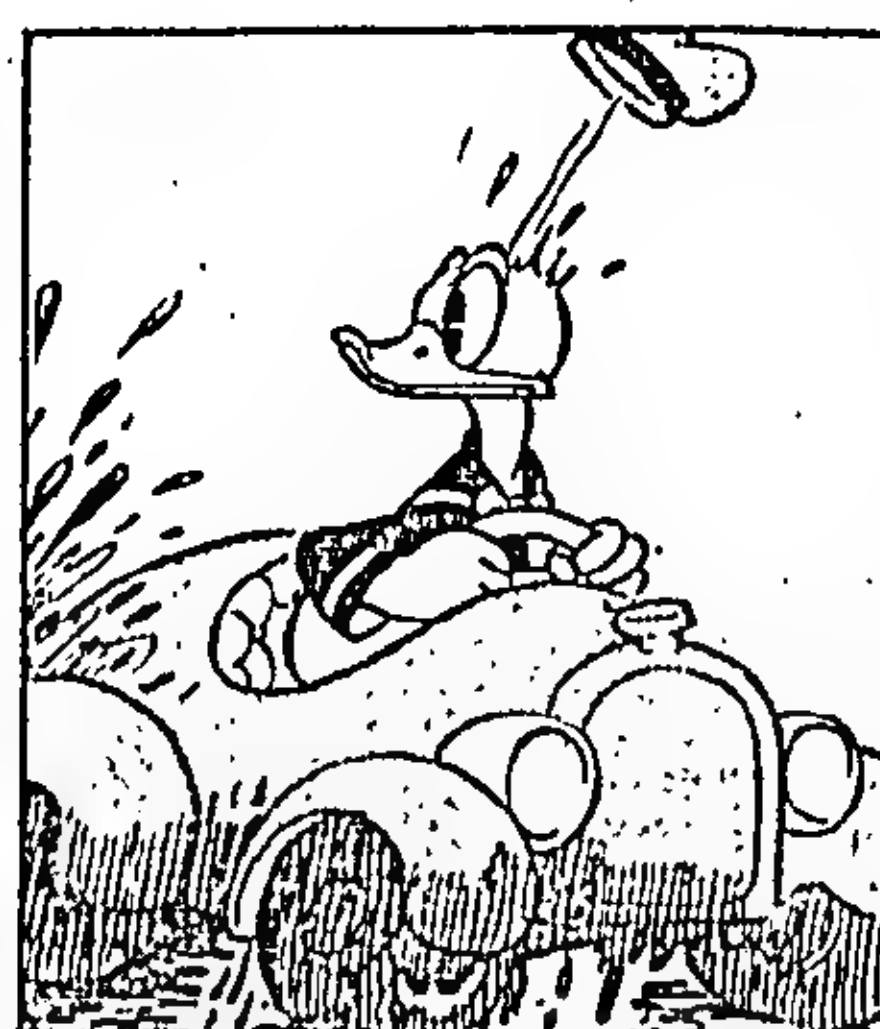
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DESERTER,
ROBBERLong Prison Term
For Chinese

Said to be a deserter from the British Army in Hongkong, Tsang Fat, 23, was this morning described to be the brains of an organised gang of burglars recently broken up by the police.

Tsang appeared on remand before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on two charges of burglary.

Two of Tsang's accomplices have already been dealt with by Mr. Macfadyen.

Referring to Tsang's case, Det. Sergeant Shaw said: "In this case I understand that the military authorities are not proceeding at the moment with the charge of desertion. There is no previous conviction against him, but actually he is the brains of the gang."

Tsang was sentenced to six months' hard labour on each of two charges of burglary committed in Pei-fo Street on October 23 and at Castle Peak Road on November 16.

In the latter robbery, Tsang was stated to have walked, with another man, along eight second floor verandahs before reaching the house eventually robbed.

Eating House
Sells Dog
Meat

Owner Is Fined

When Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton raided an unlicensed eating house on the second floor of No. 87 Woosung Street, Yau-mat, at 9 p.m. yesterday he found that dog meat and wine were on sale.

Arising from the raid, Li Yiu was charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy to-day with keeping an unlicensed eating house. He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Sinton said three dogs had been prepared for food and wine was being supplied at seven cents a glass. The dog meat was being sold at 80 cents a catty.

The house was also an opium divan. The eating house business seemed to have been carried on for sometime and was a good one. It was on a small scale, but business was very brisk about 11 p.m. onwards. At the time of the raid three men and three women were on the premises. There were a lot of dog bones on the floor.

Defendant was fined \$50 or a month's hard labour.

Sensational Property Dispute

APPLICATION FOR AN
ALTERNATIVE DEFENCE

An application to file an alternative defence alleging, among other things, that the third plaintiff was not what he claimed to be, was made in the Supreme Court this morning at the resumed hearing of the property dispute before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The property is in Des Voeux Road Central and Wing Lok Street. The plaintiffs are Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim. As co-owners, they declare that, without their knowledge, the property was mortgaged and ask for a declaration that the signatures are forgeries.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro Jr., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. and Mr. H. C. Macnomen, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, represented Fung Ka-sun against whom the action has been brought.

Mr. Sheldon's Submissions

Mr. Sheldon submitted that the necessity for an amendment to the original statement of defence had been caused entirely by the unreasonable attitude of the plaintiffs in refusing to make known who they

were. The action had been brought on the allegation that the mortgages were forgeries, and the alternatives then were that either the plaintiffs were the men who signed the deeds and were going to say they did not sign them, or else they were the men who actually did sign them. Unless one knew which of these alternatives was the case for the plaintiffs, it was impossible for the defence to plead otherwise than they had done.

On coming to Court, went on Mr. Sheldon, it was found at once by the defence that the plaintiffs were not the men who signed the deeds, and therefore steps had to be taken to meet the case, hence the application.

The New Defence

The new defence was that the third plaintiff was not Chan Kwok-nim but had fraudulently impersonated him; that if the third plaintiff was Chan Kwok-nim, then the mortgages were executed under that name by his brother, Chan Chung-wah with his knowledge; that the first and second plaintiffs were and are wholly aware of the impersonation or, alternatively, of the execution of the mortgages by Chan Chung-wah and had fraudulently assented thereto; that, in the alternative, if the plaintiffs were the persons referred to in the statement of them, the defendant was not estopped from saying that the deeds were not executed by them or with their authority and knowledge by reason of their conduct in standing by with full knowledge that the mortgages were forged.

Leave was granted to Mr. Potter to reply to the application tomorrow, when hearing will be resumed.

Prior to the application evidence was given by Cheung Wai-man, Chan Kwok-wing, Chan Kwok-ching, and Leung Kin-sau that the third plaintiff was Chan Kwok-nim, and that Kwok-nim and Chan Chung-wah were different persons.

BANISHEE'S
EXCUSEJapanese Wanted Him
As Soldier

"The place where I was staying was taken by the Japanese who asked me to be a soldier. I refused and so I came to Hongkong," stated Siu Sik-ik-wong, 24, to Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day in answer to a charge of breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Siu was banished from Hongkong for life in March this year and was arrested in Kowloon yesterday. He was remanded for 24 hours.

The excuse given by another banishee, Ho Tsoi, 37, for returning to Hongkong was that he had been arrested in Nanning and was asked to be a policeman. He had refused and had come to Hongkong to find a cinnamon for money to go to Macao.

Siu had several previous convictions and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

POLICE OFFICER
IS CHARGED

Police Lance-Sergeant Mangha Khan, 39, of the Central Station was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy to-day with theft of four fishes, the property of Ng Fu.

The larceny was alleged to have taken place in Tai O on December 9.

Defendant was on a \$100 bail and declared he wanted to engage a solicitor. He was remanded for two days.

Detective Inspector R. Cunningham is in charge of the case.

Heroin Divans
Cleaned UpVillages In Kowloon
Are Raided

Raids carried out by Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern and his men on villages in Kowloon on December 5, resulted in the appearance of several men before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day charged with keeping heroin divans, possession of heroin pills and possession of heroin pipes.

Heavy sentences were imposed, two of the accused possessing previous convictions. Huts were raided in Hokio Village, Fa Kung Yuen Village, and in Main Street.

Ip Fuk, 30, was fined a total of \$650 or 10 months' hard labour. He was in possession of 519 heroin pills. He had two previous convictions.

Tang Sing, 44, was fined a total of \$620 or 10 months' hard labour. He was in possession of 182 pills when he was arrested in the Hokio village.

Lo Hoi, 24, was fined a total of \$470 or 10 months' hard labour. He had 182 pills when he was arrested in the Hokio village.

Lam Hoi, 33, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fined a total of \$340 or another six months and six weeks' imprisonment. He had two previous convictions and was in possession of 456 heroin pills when arrested in his hut at Fa Kung Yuen village.

Lo Wing, 35, was fined a total of \$420 or seven months and seven weeks' hard labour. He had possession of 102 heroin pills and was apprehended at Fa Kung Yuen village.

Lam Kwok, 38, was fined \$430 or eight months and five weeks' hard labour. He had 107 pills and was caught in the Hokio village.

Pun Mun, 30, was fined \$480 or 10 months' hard labour. He had 358 pills when arrested in the Hokio village.

\$100,000 BAIL
REQUIREDAlternative Offer To
Custody Remand

"I oppose bail, or at least require \$100,000 bail for each defendant," said Chief Preventive Officer A. W. Grimmit when four Chinese appeared before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning charged with possession of heroin.

A party of revenue officers headed by C. P. O. Grimmit kept a watch in the Hotel Cecil yesterday morning, and towards mid-day, one of the defendants carrying the drug entered Room No. 53, where he and the other two defendants were arrested.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for Wong Tai, 43, unemployed, Ng Shun, 47, manager, Wong Yuen, 32, and Wong Ngai, 36, unemployed. They were remanded for a week.

Losses Reported

Money and jewellery valued at \$34 were stolen from a coat belonging to Fyrmaster Springs at the Hongkong Club ground, Happy Valley, on Monday.

Nak Ditta, of the 24th R.A., reported the loss of clothing and jewellery from the Radio Club ground, Caroline Hill, on Tuesday.



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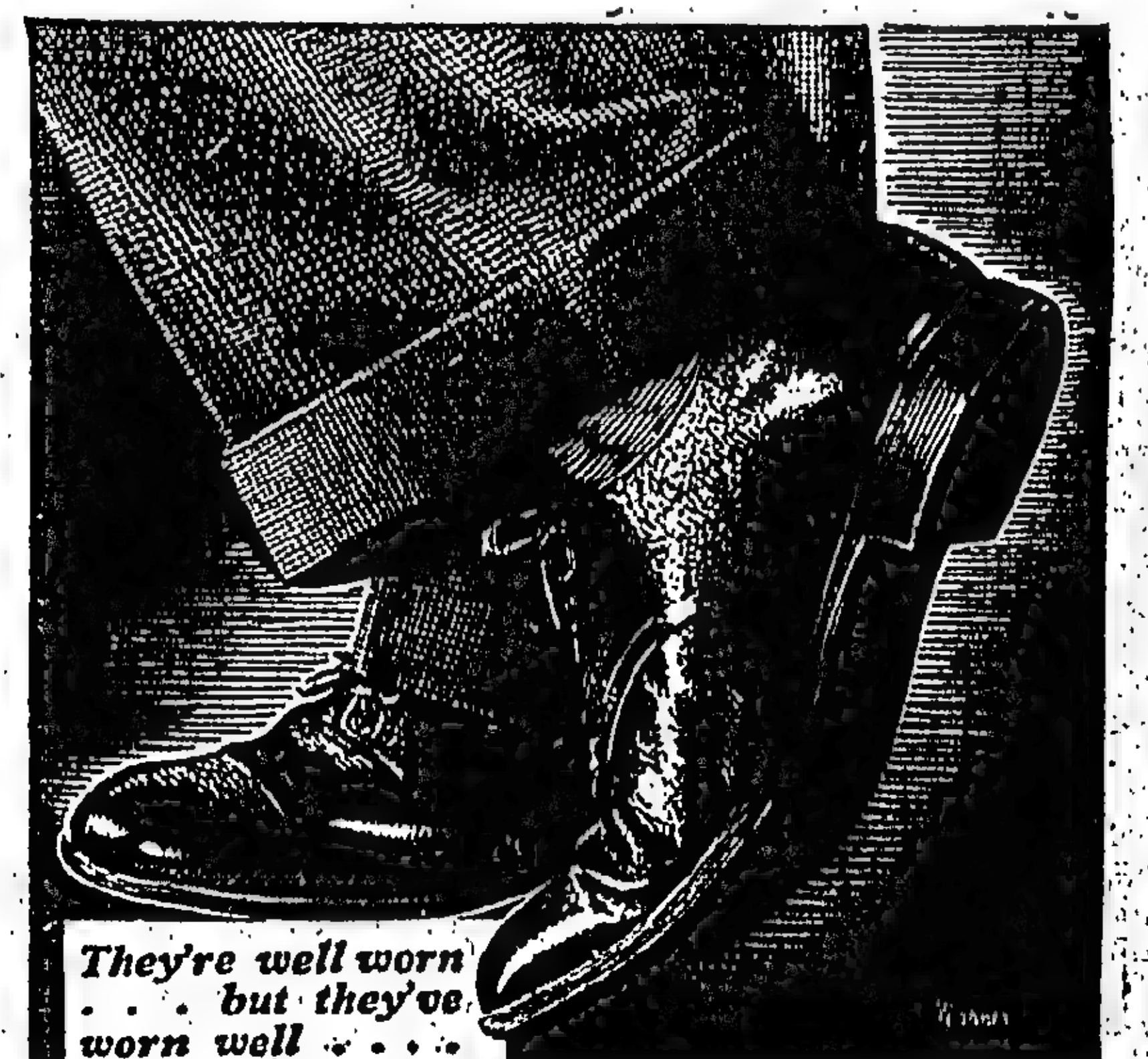
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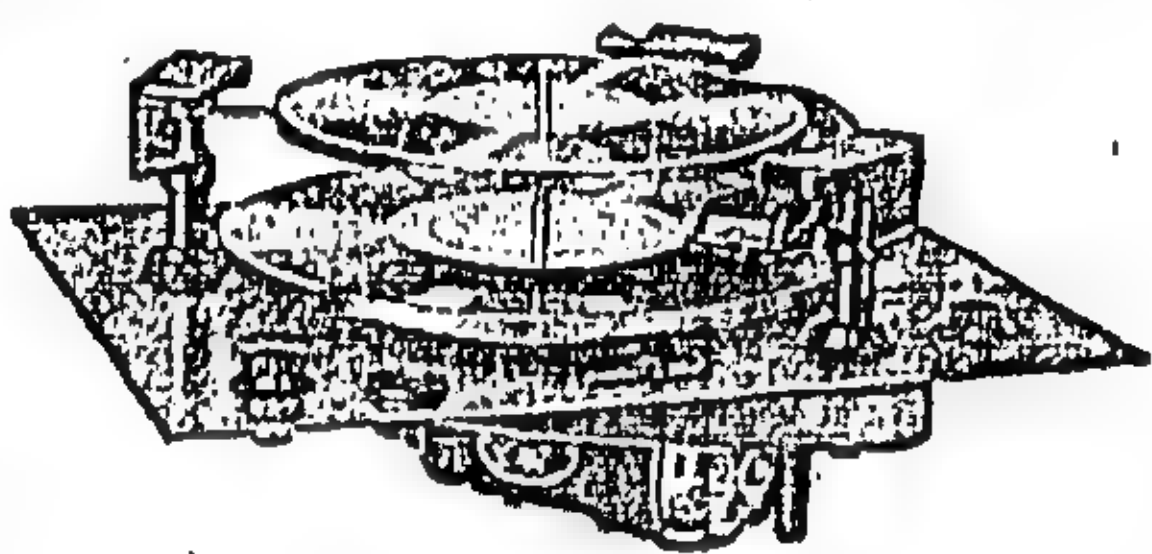
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Fire Traps

NOTHING more disappointing
has occurred in recent years in
Legislative Council than the
eloquent silence at last week's
meeting concerning the Shang-
hai Street fire tragedy. Presu-
mably the loss of more than
two score lives, caused by the
destruction of tenement fire
traps, is not to be regarded as
anything more than an affair
between tenants and landlords.
To this view we cannot sub-
scribe. This is just as urgent a
matter of public concern as any
departmental campaign for
saving "lives from cholera or
small-pox."

There might be some excuse
for apathy if the public could
reasonably hope that the Yau-
matti disaster is unlikely to
occur again; but these gruesome
events have too often happened
in the past to permit such a
mollifying hope. The plain
truth is that while buildings of
the Shanghai Street type are
permitted to exist—even per-
mitted to be constructed anew—
there will be in Hongkong an
ever-present danger of disaster.
If the death toll was 46 last
week, it is but one chapter of
human sacrifice in a lost list of
such tragedies which have be-
come part and parcel of our
history.

The conscience-saving theory
that "life is cheap" can be
acceptable to no one; whatever
stratum of society be affected.
Government has openly confessed
the necessity of a vast im-
provement in housing conditions
in Hongkong and not even war
on two continents will encourage
us to believe that the problem
has become less important,
either with regard to the welfare
of the vast majority of Hong-
kong's populace or as it affects
the good name of the Colony.

A pseudo-fatalistic attitude to
destruction of life and property
in Hongkong may be a comfort-
able method of evading responsi-
bility, but it is a miserable
method of government.

The final answer, of course, is
wholesale slum clearance and the
erection of proper habitable
tenements with modern fire-
proof facilities. But there are a
various number of temporary
measures which could be effected
forthwith, and which would at
least do something to mitigate
against these appalling fire
tragedies. Enforcement of
these measures should be
Government's immediate con-
cern.



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upon us, thanks to Hitler's
unbridled ambition, and there
was nothing left for us to do
but to set our teeth and, with
our friends and Allies, to put a
stop to this policy of domination
which had so long disturbed the
peace of Europe. I had always
hoped that it would never fall
to my lot to have to make that
decision, but when the time came
I did not and could not hesitate
to take it, for I knew that the
liberties of all free peoples and
our own were at stake.

"And to-day, after just twelve
weeks of war, I am speaking to
you, again, happily with health
and strength unimpaired and
with complete confidence in our
ultimate victory. Of one thing
you can be sure. We shall not
follow the German example of
either concealing our own losses
from you or of inventing enemy
losses which do not exist. We
told you of the loss of the
Courageous and the Royal Oak,
and to-day you have heard of
the sinking of the Rawalpindi.
None of these losses affects our
overwhelming naval superiority, and
we shall tell you frankly what is
happening even when the truth is
unpleasant, and we shall never
restrain from publishing news except
when it would be helpful to the
enemy to have it.

"Up to the present the war has
been carried on in a way very dif-
ferent from what we expected.
We need not attribute the re-
luctance of the Germans to begin
a great land offensive or to at-
tempt a series of mass attacks
from the air upon this country
to their humanity. We have had
plenty of evidence that no con-
siderations of humanity deter
them from any form of warfare
that they think will bring them
some advantage.

"They must therefore have come to
the conclusion that at present they
would lose more than they would
gain by such attacks, and they have
preferred to use methods which they
think can be employed without seri-
ous loss to themselves.

"The Magnetic Mine
"The latest of these methods, as
you all know, is the sowing of a new
kind of mine indiscriminately in our
home waters. It matters nothing to
the German Government that the
sowing is contrary to international
agreements to which it has subscrib-
ed. It matters nothing to that Gov-
ernment that it is daily blowing up
neutral ships as well as British, and
thereby drowning or mauling citi-
zens of countries with which Ger-
many is not at war. Germany hopes
by these barbarous weapons to cut
off our supplies from overseas and
so squeeze or starve us into submis-
sion.

You need have no fear that this
attempt will succeed. Already
we know the secret of the mag-
netic mine, and we shall soon
master it as we have already
mastered the U-boat; and in the
meantime, despite some losses,
our convoys are still moving
steadily in and out of our ports,
and they will continue to do so
thanks to the courage and skill

of the men in our Merchant Navy
and in the warships which escort
them.

"It may be that some of you who
are listening to me are yourselves
serving at sea in His Majesty's ships
or in the vessels which maintain our
supplies from overseas. I should like
you to know what we are thinking
of you and of the perils of storms
and of a ruthless enemy that you are
facing day and night. Upon you has
hitherto fallen the brunt of the war,
and we cannot be sufficiently grateful
to you for the cool and steadfast
courage with which you have carried
out your tasks. We do not forget that
the safety of these islands depends
on the untiring watchfulness of our
seamen, as it has done ever since
the days of Queen Elizabeth.

"Others of my listeners may be
serving in the Army, some in distant
garrisons overseas, some in France,
some again keeping perpetual vigi-
lance on the guns of the home front.
For you the time for conflict has not
yet arrived, but we know that you
are cheerfully enduring the monotony
and discomforts that inevitably attend
the routine of preparation, and that
when the day of battle comes you
will be ready to meet it as your
fathers were before you.

Tribute To The Air Force

"And as for you who are serving
in the Air Force, our youngest fight-
ing Service, you too have an impor-
tant part to play in the defence of
the homeland as well as in the defeat
of the enemy's forces. We have
watched with pride and admiration
your gallant exploits in those aerial
combats in which you have already
taken part, and we feel confident
that you will be more than equal to
any demands that may be made upon
you.

"I do not forget that I have to-night
a still wider audience, and that my
voice will travel to all the peoples
of the British Empire. I wish that
I could speak to each, and thank
them for their support so freely and
so ardently given. We entered the
war to defend freedom and to estab-
lish peace. Those are the two vital
principles of our Empire, and the
Empire's unity to-day gives us the
moral as well as the material strength
to win them.

"And now I want to speak to those
among you who are listening to me
from your homes, in the towns and
villages of Great Britain. Many of
you are engaged on one form or
another of National Service, often at
great sacrifice to yourselves. Others
are serving our country no less use-
fully on the land, in mines and fac-
tories, in hospitals, in offices, in your
own homes and in numberless other
ways. Whatever your work may be,
I know well that in greater or less
degree the war has interrupted and
affected your daily life.

"Some of you are already mourning
the loss of those who were dearest
to you. For such grief as yours no
words of mine could pretend to afford
consolation. I would say only this,
that I know no cause more worthy
of the supreme sacrifice than that for
which these lives have been given.
We must be thankful that so far the
war has brought no such casualty
lists as those which overshadowed
the early months of the war of 1914.
But there must be few to whom it
has not meant anxiety or disturbance
of mind, discomfort, material loss or
even severe hardship.

at short notice and at great incon-
venience to their owners and oc-
cupants. Heavy taxation has cut into
incomes and imposed severe restric-
tions upon expenditure.

Risk Of Sudden Air Attack

"Then again there are the daily
irritating inconveniences of restric-
tions of various kinds, not forgetting
the black-out and the difficulty and
discomfort of travelling. Most of
these hardships and inconveniences
have been brought about by the
necessity of providing against attacks
from the air. Some of them may
seem now to have been unnecessary,
since the air raids have not taken
place. But if they had come, as
everyone expected, and had found
us unprepared you would have blamed
the Government for its neglect.
Even now we cannot assume that the
Germans will not change their tactics
and make a sudden attack from the
air upon this country. We must not
therefore rashly dispense with our
safeguards, but we are constantly
revising the existing restrictions, and
we shall certainly relax them when-
ever we feel that we can do so
without undue risk to the public
safety.

"I do not think I need say more
about restrictions which are imposed
only in the general interest, and
which I am sure will be cheerfully
borne if they help to bring us victory.
I said a little while ago that there
was a different kind of war from
what we expected. Perhaps you may
sometimes wonder why we ourselves
are not attacking the enemy with
more vigour. Well, I would remind
you that the art of war consists in
bringing the greatest possible force
to bear at the right place and at the
right time. In our case the place and
time will be decided by those who
are responsible for the strategy of the
Allies. But in the meanwhile we are
not losing anything by delay, for
time is on our side.

Every week that passes by in-
tensifies the pressure upon Ger-
many of the Allies' blockade,
which is slowly but surely de-
priving her of those materials
which are essential to the suc-
cessful prosecution of a modern
war, and which she cannot pro-
duce within her own borders.

Allies' Unlimited Resources

"How different is the position of
the Allies, who have at their disposal
within the Empire or elsewhere un-
limited resources in men and ma-
terials. With such advantages they
are bound to win in the end; and
the only question is how long it will
take them to achieve their purpose.
That brings me to the last point
I want to make. What is the purpose,
for which we are to-day standing
side by side with our French and
Polish Allies? The question has been
answered over and over again by
myself, by M. Daladier, by Lord
Halifax and by other members of the
Government. One would think that
there could be no doubt about it, but
there are still questioners who feel
that we have not yet sufficiently de-
fined our aims.

"In my own mind I make a distinc-
tion between war aims and peace
aims. Our war aim can be stated
very shortly. It is to defeat our
enemy and, by that I do not merely
mean the defeat of the enemy's mili-
tary forces.

"I mean, the defeat of that
aggressive, bullying mentality
which seeks continually to domi-
nate other peoples by force,
which finds a brutal satisfaction
in the persecution and torture of
innocent citizens and, in the
name of the interests of the State,
justifies the reputation of its

own pledged word whenever it
finds it convenient. If the Ger-
man people can be convinced that
that spirit is as bad for them-
selves as for the rest of the
world, they will abandon it. If
we can secure that they do
abandon it without bloodshed, so
much the better; but abandoned
it must be. That is our war aim
and we shall persevere in this
struggle until we have attained
it.

"When we come to peace aims we
are dealing with something to be
achieved in conditions we cannot at
present foresee. Our definition of
them can therefore only be in the
most general terms, but there can
be no harm in declaring the broad
principles on which we should desire
to found them.

Our desire, then, when we have
achieved our war aim would be to
establish a new Europe, not new in
the sense of tearing up all the old
frontier posts and redrawing the map
according to the ideas of the victors,
but a Europe with a new spirit in
which the nations which inhabit it
will approach their difficulties with
goodwill and mutual tolerance.

"In such a Europe fear of aggres-
sion would have ceased to exist, and
such adjustments of boundaries as
would be necessary would be thrash-
ed out between neighbours sitting on
equal terms round a table, with the
help of disinterested third parties if
it were so desired.

An Unfettered Right

"In such a Europe it would be
recognised that there can be no last-
ing peace unless there is a full and
constant flow of trade between
nations connected, not only by in-
creased interchange of goods and
services, but by the standard of living be
improved.

"In such a Europe each country
would have the unfettered right to
choose its own form of internal gov-
ernment, so long as that Government
did not pursue an external policy
injurious to its neighbours.

"Lastly, in such a Europe, arma-
ments would gradually be dropped as
a useless expense, except in so far
as they were needed for the preserva-
tion of internal law and order.
"It is obvious that the estab-
lishment of this Utopian Europe which
I have briefly sketched out could not
be the work of a few weeks or even
months. It would be a continuous
process stretching over many years.
Indeed, it would be impossible to set
a time-limit upon it, for conditions
never cease to change and corre-
sponding adjustments would be re-
quired if friction is to be avoided.

"Consequently, you would need
some machinery capable of conduct-
ing and guiding the development of
the new Europe in the right direction.
I do not think it necessary nor, in-
deed, is it possible to specify at this
stage the kind of machinery which
should be established for this pur-
pose. I merely express the opinion
that something of the sort would
have to be provided, and I would
add my hope that a German animat-
ed by a new spirit might be among
the nations which would take part
in its operations.

"There, then, for the present I
leave the peace aims, and once more
I would remind you that before we
can begin to translate them into ac-
tion we have got first to achieve our
war aim and win the war. In that
purpose the members of the British
Commonwealth are united as they
never have been before in all our
history.

Let us then gird up our loins,
confident in our own tenacity and
resolute in our determination.
Let us keep clear before our eyes
the necessity that this reign of
terror instituted under the pre-
sent German Government should
come to an end, and in order that
we may build a new and better
Europe. We know that in this
great struggle we are fighting for
the right and against the wrong.
Let us then go on forward with
God's blessing on our arms, and
we shall prevail."

"DOUG" MOURNED

Crowds File Past Actor's Bier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SANTA MONICA, Dec. 12 (UP).—Thousands of film fans of both the silent and talkie eras are mourning the death of Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

Fairbanks died suddenly of a heart attack at 4 o'clock this morning.

He complained yesterday of "heart trouble."

Throughout to-day, there was a constant procession of Hollywood's great and of Hollywood's forgotten, many of whom worked with Mr. Fairbanks in his swashbuckling days.



THIS PICTURE OF the late Douglas Fairbanks, famed film actor, was taken when he last visited Hongkong.

Widow Is Present

Mrs. Fairbanks (formerly Lady Ashley) was present at the Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fairbanks also arrived to-day.

Mrs. Fairbanks' body lies in state on an ornately garbed bed before a window in his Santa Monica mansion, which overlooks the rolling Pacific Ocean.

SECRET SESSION MUST BE REALLY SECRET

LONDON, Dec. 12 (British Wireless).—The secret session of the Commons, which is being held to-morrow, raised a point of parliamentary privilege when the Liberal Member, Mr. Dingle Foot, asked the Speaker to-day whether it was a fact that any Member who repeated outside, even in private conversation, anything said in the House during the secret session would be guilty of a breach of privilege.

In reply citing authorities, the Speaker said that any member who so acted would be guilty of disobeying the order of the House and thereby committing gross breach of privilege, and would be liable to such penalties as within the power of the House to inflict, by reprimand, commitment to prison, or, in the extreme case, expulsion from the House.

K.C.C. Players To Meet K.B.G.C.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will entertain a mixed doubles tennis team from the neighbouring Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday afternoon next.

Matches will start at 2 p.m., and the following players will represent the K.C.C.

Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. Madan, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Wexham. Messrs. H. W. Crabbs (captain), P. Wynter-Blyth, A. C. Perry, F. Kengelbacker, H. Wexham, G. E. Taylor, D. Curtis, and G. M. Gillard.

\$500 CHEQUE IS STOLEN

A cheque for \$500 cash drawn on the Wing On Bank was stolen from a drawer of a desk at No. 81 Des Voeux Road Central on Monday.

A report was later made to the Police by Fan Long-sai.

GOODWILL MISSION IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13 (Central).—The Burmese Goodwill Mission to China which arrived here from Rangoon yesterday will have a busy round of visits during its stay.

Aside from inspecting the various reconstruction, educational, and cultural projects, it will call on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and visit wounded soldiers and war refugees.

The mission, comprising nine members, including one woman, is led by Mr. Tseng Koh-nien, secre-

BRITAIN'S AIR SUPREMACY

"Our superiority over German aircraft, both bombers and fighters, might justifiably be claimed. . . . The Royal Air Force prestige is very high, and it is not surprising that nearly one-third of the men registering for service have expressed preference for the air force. . . . We can be confident that our air defence system is sound, the strength of our defensive and offensive is growing steadily, so that every day we are in a better position to establish ascendancy in the air."

—Extracts From The Air Minister's Speech.

HOUSE OF COMMONS IS CHEERED BY STATEMENT

LONDON, DEC. 12 (BRITISH WIRELESS).—THE AIR MINISTER, IN HIS FIRST STATEMENT ON THE WAR SINCE OCTOBER 10, REVIEWED THE NEW PHASE IN AIR WARFARE WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 16 WITH THE RAID ON A WARSHIP IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Since that date, Sir Kingsley Wood said, though there had been no great air battles, there had been steadily increasing activity.

"We have had to deal with a series of reconnaissances and raids, some by single aircraft, and some in force, and we have thus been able to test out the strength of our defences and the efficiency of our organisation."

"We have also been able to try out, both in Britain and France, our aircraft in combat with the enemy. The results and conclusions which we have been able to draw from them, though of necessity provisional, are certainly encouraging. We have been able to satisfy ourselves by actual operations that the various elements of our air defences, anti-aircraft guns and searchlights, fighters squadrons, balloon barrages for close defence, and the units of the Observer Corps have been successfully welded into an efficient and adaptable system under the operation, control and command of one Commander-in-Chief."

Sir Kingsley Wood expressed great satisfaction with the results of this system of unified control, and went on to say that this new phase of air war "may be drawing to a close and we must be prepared to face soon, perhaps in spring, another and more strenuous and difficult chapter."

Coastal Patrols Praised

Continuing, the Air Minister stated that the fighter squadrons had taken heavy toll and that superiority over German aircraft, both bombers and fighters, might justifiably be claimed. Speaking in praise of Coastal Patrols, the Minister said 57 attacks had been made on submarines in 19 cases of which there was a certainty of substantial damage being caused, but the patrols' duties were more far-reaching than either attacking submarines or defending against air attack. Many ships owed their safety to the units of this command.

Turning to the Bomber Command, Sir Kingsley Wood spoke of the recent raid on Heligoland, which he described as a particularly difficult and dangerous operation. Not only did the aircraft successfully reach their objectives and score direct hits with heavy bombs, but all returned safely, having been attacked by 20 Messerschmidts. Two of these, which pressed the attacks, were brought down.

High R.A.F. Prestige

In reconnaissance flights, the R.A.F. had visited Hamburg, Bremen, Ruhr, Berlin, Munich and Nurnburg, in many cases more than once. R.A.F. prestige was very high, and it was no surprise that nearly one third of the men registering for service expressed preference for the air force.

The Minister referred to the Empire personnel and units which would soon be taking their place in the front line of air defence, and announced the re-establishment of People Squadrons which, under their own officers, would be attached to the R.A.F. Turning to production, Sir Kingsley Wood said that though the numerical output was more than twice that of a year ago, the types in efficiency as war weapons represented "not a twofold but manifold recreation of strength." New and more powerful types would shortly operate against the enemy.

Offence System Sound

In reply to a question the Minister said he had given careful consideration to the question of German flights over Shetlands and Orkneys, and he hoped that the "next time we had a visit very favourable results would ensue."

The Minister concluded: "We can be confident that our air defence system is sound, the strength of our defensive and offensive is growing steadily, so that every day we are in a better position to establish ascendancy in the air."

Enemy's Heavy Losses

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Reviewing the progress of air

warfare, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons to-day, said that our fighter squadrons, regular and auxiliary, had taken a heavy toll of such enemy as had tried to cross our air defences, and they could justifiably claim a definite superiority in our aircraft over the Germans.

Our Hurricanes and Spitfires had been in contact with Dornier, Junkers and Heinkel bombers in June and there could be no doubt that they possessed a decisive margin of advantage.

Superior Fighters

Sir Kingsley added that even more encouraging was the knowledge of the superiority they had shown over German fighters.

The Coastal Command had tried out attacks on submarines on 37 occasions, and in 10 cases they were sure that substantial damage had been caused.

Supreme On Sea Also

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day dwells on the increasing completeness of the British naval supremacy.

Total losses—the Royal Oak, Courageous, two Dorniers (Gypsy and Blanche) and one submarine—amount to 55,049 tons displacement. Other losses were the Rawalpindi and four small minesweepers amounting to 18,398 tons gross.

These are amply compensated by the enormous naval construction programme, further increased since the outbreak of war—nearly 1,000,000 tons of warship under construction and many newly completed, while the anti-submarine forces are already more than trebled.

German Anxiety

German anxiety resulting from these facts is indicated by the recent boast that the German Navy is strongly reinforced by the incorporation of the Austrian Danube Flotilla. It would appear that the Nazis have no better hope of beating than the addition of river patrol vessels and a few motor launches designed solely for river work.

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| T.T. Manila | 11 1/2 |
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| 4 m/s D/P do. | 1/3 1/2 |
| 4 m L/C U.S.A. | 26 1/2 |
| 4 m/s France | 114 1/2 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02 |
| U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. | 3.92 1/2 |

INTERNEE ESCAPES

A daring escape by Chan Chi-cho, a 23 year old Chinese internee of the Mautsichung Camp took place early this morning.

He apparently escaped by using a 10 foot bamboo pole ladder placed against the barbed wire fence.

Police whistles gave the first alarm. A constable at the main gate of the camp is reported to have stated that only one man went over the fence.

Investigators entered the Y.M.C.A. hut in the camp and found that one bed was unoccupied although it had recently been used, judging by the warmth in the blankets.

GAS MASKS FOR ALL SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Sweden continues to take precautionary measures and the Government to-day ordered its first batch of 800,000 gas masks.

TRAGIC WARSAW

Correspondent's Grim Picture

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An American correspondent has given a tragic picture of Warsaw to-day.

Some 75 per cent. of the buildings were completely destroyed or damaged by relentless bombings. The walls of some buildings are now being pulled down and those which are still fit for human habitation add to the ghastly appearance of the city because their windows are all boarded up or patched with glass from picture frames.

There is rubbish in the streets and the pavements have been torn up in places.

Living "By Permission"

In wet weather even walking in the streets is difficult.

There are long queues waiting outside the various offices giving permission for this or that, for life in Warsaw to-day is "by permission" only.

Prices of food have gone up three to six times, and only a short while ago a loaf of bread cost eight shillings.

Curfew is at 7 p.m. after which hour only Nazi soldiers may be seen on the darkened streets.

17 M.P.s IN THE AIR FORCE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (British Wireless).—According to a parliamentary answer, 17 M.P.s are serving in the R.A.F.

Japanese Harassed On All Fronts

INVADERS SUFFER MANY REVERSES

THERE has been no major development on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Wuming highways, according to a "Central News" message from Kweilin this morning.

Chinese activity has so far been confined to harassing attacks and destruction of Japanese communication lines.

Several attacks have been made against the Japanese north of Yanchow, with success. About 300 Japanese were sandwiched in a Chinese pincer movement at Nana and Nanning last Friday, suffering some 200 casualties.

At Nanchen at least 100 Japanese were killed in action, the Chinese claim, and two heavy machine guns and a number of rifles were seized by the Chinese.

Guerillas and armed peasants are so actively destroying highways that Japanese units are finding it almost impossible to maintain contact. The Japanese south of the Wat (Yu) River have been commandeering Chinese labour to repair the road without success.

General Huang Hai-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, who yesterday returned to Kweilin from a trip to the front expressed confidence in the Kwangsi resistance.

The Northern Front

On the Northern Front, sweeping successes are claimed to have been scored yesterday by Chinese troops in simultaneous counter-offensives in North Hunan, South Hupeh, and North Kiangsi.

In North Hunan, the Chinese recaptured Tzuilin, Hsiang and Yong-lowze, strategic points on the outer defence lines of Yoyang (Yochow) on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 88 miles north of Changsha, and are closing in on Yoyang.

In South Hupeh, they recovered Tsungyang, Hanchiao and Tashaping. The Japanese are fleeing to Puchi and Sienning on the Canton-Hankow Railway with the Chinese in pursuit. Those at Tungcheng are completely isolated and are subjected to fierce assaults.

Recapture Of Tsungyang

Describing the Chinese recapture of Tsungyang, a Japanese base of operations in South Hupeh, a dispatch from Peking states that three Chinese columns advanced down on the city at 2 a.m. yesterday. Serious fighting then took place in the south-eastern outskirts, and the Japanese, after being defeated, withdrew into the city.

The Chinese who followed in pursuit smashed into the city, and after three hours of hand to hand fighting in the streets, the Japanese were evicted and fled toward Puchi and Sienning.

It is claimed that altogether 921 casualties were inflicted upon the Japanese and many machine-guns were captured.

Kiangsi Activity

In North Kiangsi attacks were made in the areas west of Nanchang. A Chinese column re-occupied Mahsingshan and Tamashan, north of Koon, about 40 miles southwest of Nanchang.

Over 300 Japanese casualties were inflicted. Two Japanese mountain guns, five machine guns and over 200 rifles were seized.

On the Shantung front, Tancheng, historic 2,000-year-old walled city on the South Shantung border, 87 miles north-east of Hsuehchow, has been recovered by Chinese units.

The Chinese launched a series of attacks on the town recently, and in an engagement at Hotun, near Tancheng, the Japanese were surrounded and decimated.

From Loyang comes a report that Chinese forces counter-attacking in the Chungling mountain range in south Shansi are making speedy progress.

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Around The Courses IMPROVEMENTS AT SHEK-O CLUB

Eighteenth Hole Near Completed: Interesting Final At Fanling

(By "Birdie")

IT HAS BEEN almost two years since I was down at Shek-O, and on going to Camp last week I noticed for the first time the additions there have been to the Shek-O Country Club course. I remember when last there that certain construction work was in progress on the lower ground below the Club-House, and since then eight new holes have been laid out, making a total of 17, with the 18th hole almost near completion.

This last hole should be finished and ready for play early next year, and the Shek-O Club can then boast of the only 18-hole Course on the Island.

A passing glance gives the impression of shortness and narrowness of fairways, but actually this is not the case. Owing to certain limitations, of course, there are, relatively, more short holes there than on most other courses in either Hongkong or Kowloon. In yardage, however, the original nine holes on the elevated site compares somewhat with the Kowloon Golf Club course, while being situated as it is, mid-way between Shek-O beach and Big Wave Bay, it is on a really lovely site, and commands a very fine view.

The new holes, however, are not so new, as I believe they have been in use for some time now, but with the completion of the 18th hole the Shek-O Club will be the second Club here able to boast of an 18-hole course.

Though it is probably more well-known as a golf Club, tennis and play-pigeon shooting also occupy the attention of its members.

J. T. SMITH, it seems, is in line for his third big win at Fanling. F. D. Hunter, the other finalist in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club championship, can be relied upon to put up an excellent show, and really extend Smith, but on form at the moment, it doesn't seem likely that the Colony Champion will be beaten.

It should be a most interesting final, for both are extremely able golfers. In the Jasper Clark Cup, Smith beat Hunter by one stroke; the scores being 149 and 150. Smith's rounds were 74 and 75, while Hunter's were 81 and 80. The final is, of course, being decided on match play, but Hunter has shown himself capable of a 69, and it is able to bring that form out again is more than capable of taking the title away from Smith.

MEMBERS at the Country Club last week-end looked forward to the final of the Ladies' Cup between Miss

SPORT ADVTS

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THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21220).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, G. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1939.

ROOM-BATH \$6.00

CENTRAL CLEAN CONVENIENT

Cotton Continues Charity Games

LONDON.—Henry Cotton was twice on the winning side when he continued his series of matches in aid of Red Cross Funds at the Royal Burgess Course, Barnham.

In the first of two four-ball matches, Cotton, partnered by Hugh Watt, the local professional, beat James Adams (Royal Liverpool) and Jack McLean (Buchanan Castle) by 3 and 2.

Later, Cotton and McLean beat Adams and Watt by 2 and 1, thanks chiefly to the brilliant putting of McLean, a former Scottish amateur champion.

The day's play enabled well over £400 to be raised, and the total proceeds so far are in the neighbourhood of £2,000.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sequeira and Mrs. A. J. Kew. The match, however, was postponed when the former made known her inability to be out at Sheungshu on Sunday. This, too, should be an interesting match, for the players are very evenly matched.

The more or less met in the Qualifying Round when they played together, and on that occasion Miss Sequeira returned a card of 41 and 43 (Par 36) and headed the list 12 strokes ahead of Mrs. Kew.

THE draw for the first round of the Junior Championship has been made. And on Sunday last, by mutual arrangement, C. H. Bastie and A. T. Lee played off their match. The former won two up, after being three down and six to go at one period.

RECENT qualifiers for the Captain's Cup Competition have been T. Y. C. Lee (71), R. E. Lee (74), E. J. M. Churn (77) and P. K. C. Tsau (74).

THE introduction of the 14-club rule was, it is claimed, aimed at setting a limit to low scoring, but on figures that have been returned it does not seem to be realising its object. Sam King, who had rounds of 68 and 65 (a course record) in the professionals' tournament at Sandridge Park, beat the bogey for 36 holes on the 6,500-yard course by 17 strokes.

Despite the voice raised, clubs and balls, these days, are being made for distance. The steel shafted clubs, which make for power, are replacing the hickory clubs, and the golfer before who was able to rely on his approach and putt is in danger of being relegated.

Distance has made approaching easier, and following his record round of 65, Sam King confided that he had lengthened his drive by a slightly wider swing, with little sacrifice of accuracy.

By this, I presume it is meant that the swing is flatter in plane. The truth of this statement has been tested and observed, but it requires the professional control to justify the "little sacrifice of accuracy."

CHESS CLUB DINNER

Presentation Of Prizes At Peninsula Hotel

The Kowloon Chess Club held their annual dinner at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

The Rev. G. E. S. Unsell presided, and at the close distributed the prizes won during the year.

D. E. Carvalho won the Colony Championship, the runner-up being E. Zimmerman.



The general activity on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's links on Saturday at the commencement of the match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies. At the left, His Excellency the Governor is waiting bowl in hand, while Sir Atholl MacGregor is looking on.—Home Photos.

BOXING TITLES RETAINED

Rugby HEAVY SCORING IN ARMY TOURNAMENT

BY IDENTICAL SCORES—28 points (two goals, a penalty goal and five tries) to nil—the Royal Engineers beat the 5th A. A. Regiment and the 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A. beat a combined R.A.M.C. and Royal Corps of Signals XV in two rugby matches at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Birrell, their fast winger, was top scorer for the Sappers, and secured three brilliant tries. Waite worked and provided many openings for his outside, and Pickett scored two tries.

The score was opened by a penalty goal from Pike, and the following try by Artinistall was converted by the first named. Birrell added further points by touching down in the corner, but Pike failed with the kick.

Shortly before half-time, Birrell scored his second try, but the kick, taken by Foley, again failed.

The Gunners pressed for a short time following the resumption, but play was soon transferred to the other end, and Sheidrake gained possession and fell over the line. Pike missed a difficult angle kick.

Pike converted Birrell's third try, the two concluding tries from Pickett were not improved upon by the same kicker.

The teams were: Royal Engineers—Moxam; Pickett, Artinistall, Jones, Birrell; Waite, Foley; Appy, Eason, Brinkley, Blackman, Davis, Martin, Sheidrake.

5th A.A. Regt., R.A.—Baddick; Selway, Potter, Sutcliffe, Potter; Giblin, Clark; Mew, Farrington, Hanly, Bigington, Page, Elliot, Mullen.

8th R.A. 28 Combined XV 0 FOUR tries in the second game were scored by Marsh, on the wing. He proved too fast for the opposition.

His first three scores were the opening points of the game. Lomax, who was Skipworth and Hook, had been doing great work, went over for the fourth try.

The second half opened with a penalty goal by Marsh, and this was followed by two tries from Hook and Marsh again. The first was converted by Turner.

The final try came from Skipworth. The teams were: 6th Heavy Regiment, R.A.—Keeble; Eason, Skipworth, Lomax, Marsh; Hook, Foster, Forster, Cox, Turner, Rawlins, Luckett, Eastwood, Robinson, McDermid.

Combined XV.—Whybro; MacDonald, Thomas, Lithgow, Hill; Young, Curran; Johnston, Chandler; Butler, Funnell, Minney, Mohan, Clifton, Hanlon.

Most Valued Player In Baseball

New York, Nov. 21. William Henry Walters, who never wanted to be a pitcher in the first place and who would go back to leading to-morrow if the pay was the same, has been named the most valuable player in the National League for the 1939 season by a committee of 24 sports writers.

Bucky Walters teamed up with Paul Derringer to pitch the Cincinnati Reds to their first National League pennant in 20 years. The Baseball Writers' Association Committee, composed of three sports writers from each National League city, gave Walters a total of 303 points out of a possible 336.

Eighteen gave Walters first place, five awarded him second and the other one placed him fifth. Walters succeeds his teammate and battery companion, Ernie Lombardi, who won last year with 229 points.

Armstrong And Hostak Win On Knock-Outs

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 12 (UP)—Al Hostak, middleweight champion of the world as recognised by the National Boxing Association in opposition to

Ceforino Garcia, New York State Athletic Commission's nomination, retained his title to-day against the German Eric Seelig,

Armstrong To Defend Against Montanez

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (UP).—Henry Armstrong, world welterweight champion, will defend his 147-round title at Madison Square Garden on January 24 against Pedro Montanez, of Puerto Rico, over fifteen rounds Mike Jacobs announced to-day. Jacobs also signed Simon Chavez, of Venezuela, and Pete Scalzo for a ten-round bout with the indication that the winner might be matched against Joey Archibald for the world featherweight championship.

Welterweight Bout Scheduled To Go 15 Rounds

HENRY ARMSTRONG, welterweight champion of the world, beat Jimmy Garrison on a technical knock-out in the seventh round of their ten rounds' bout.

Bout Postponed

MANILA, Dec. 12 (UP).—The China Clipper, carrying Jack Dempsey to referee the fight between Ceforino Garcia and Glen Lee, is not expected to arrive before Sunday. The managers and promoters have decided to hold the fight on December 19, in the event of Dempsey arriving in time, otherwise on December 23.

U.S.S. Tulsa Beat Mindanao At Duck Pins

A FRIENDLY duck pin match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alley yesterday resulted in U.S.S. Tulsa beating U.S.S. Mindanao by 60 points.

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SINGLES HANDICAP

In the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition, S. A. Iannoli (plus 25) beat R. H. Duddridge (plus 9) by 135 points, 837-422, including his handicap and 87 level.

Iannoli scored 102, 174, 173 and 40, and Duddridge 142, 146 and 134.

Women's Tennis COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Litton And Mrs. Chiu Enter Second Round

CONSISTENCY broke down the opposition provided by Miss M. Griffiths in her first round match in the Colony Women's Tennis Championships with Mrs. Enid Litton at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday. The scores were 6-3, 6-3.

Baseline duels featured the match, and in them Mrs. Litton used a heavily chopped forehand to great advantage. Miss Griffiths was very steady, but failed before a more consistent and even stroke player.

LITTLE DIFFICULTY. At the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chui had little difficulty in beating Miss J. Grogg by 6-2, 6-3.

American Sailors Hold H.M.S. Cicala To A Draw

The soccer squad from U.S.S. Tulsa engaged a team from H.M.S. Cicala at the Dockyard yesterday and did well to secure a draw, each side scoring twice.

The game started at a fast pace and after 15 minutes Newby put Cicala in the lead. Just before the interval, Wilkinson increased the score with a good shot. Tokas at this period was playing a fine game for the Tulsa.

After the interval, Tulsa did most of the attacking and Myers reduced the lead. Three minutes later they equalised, following good combination between Myers and Maxwell, resulting in G. Potter scoring.

Cicala has challenged the football squad of the Tulsa to a football match on Monday at King's Park.

Junior Shield Replay

The Junior Shield preliminary round replay between Royal Scots and 8th Heavy Regiment will take place at Sookunpoo at 2.15 p.m. to-day. As Sookunpoo is being used for rugby on Saturday, the first division game between Middlesex and Royal Scots will be played to-day on the same ground at 4 p.m.

Indoor Bowling

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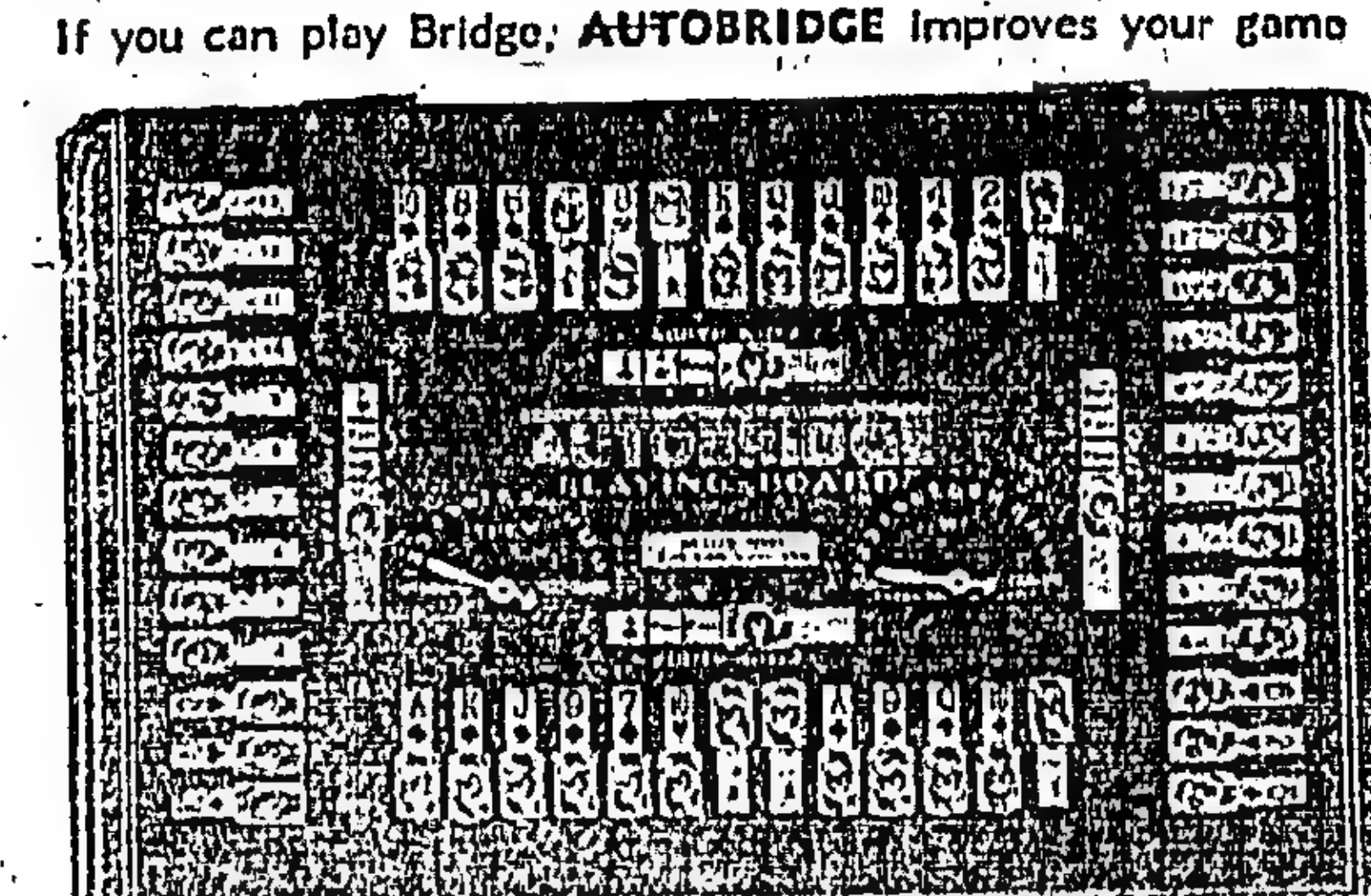
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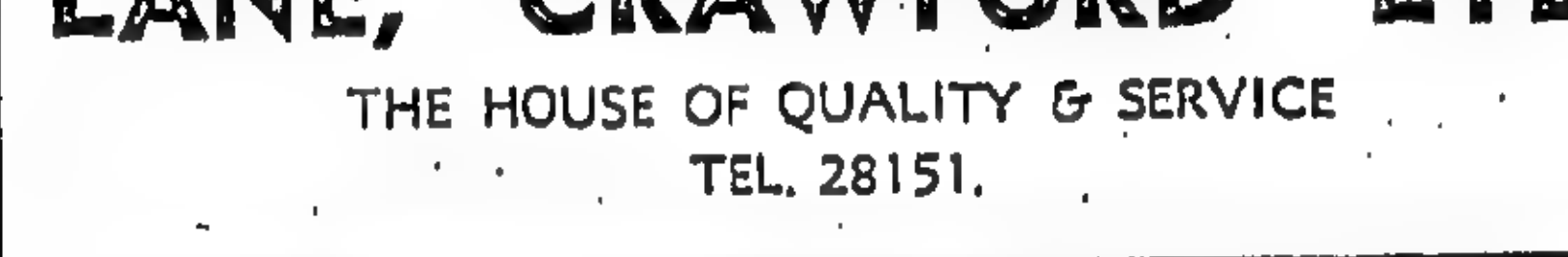
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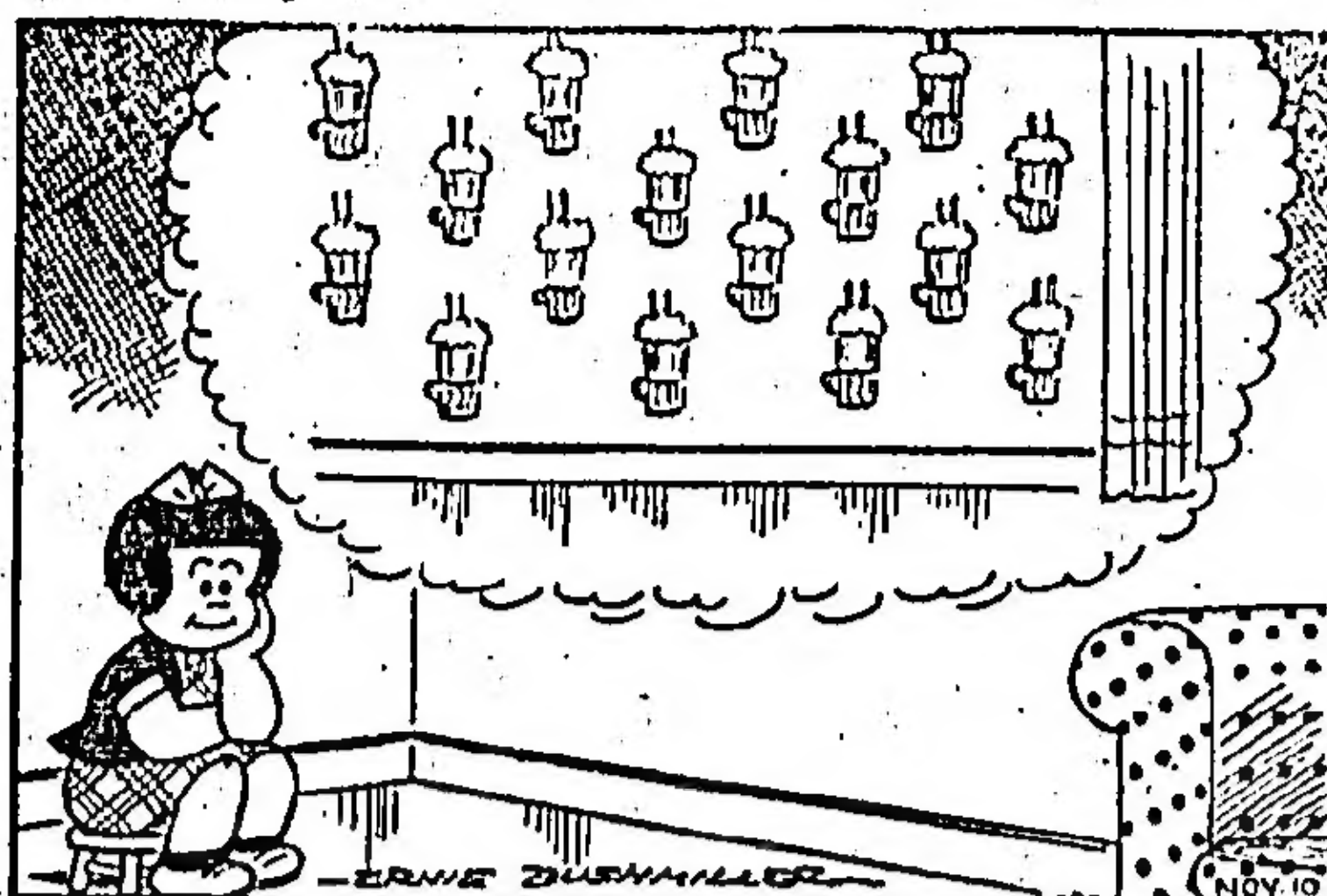
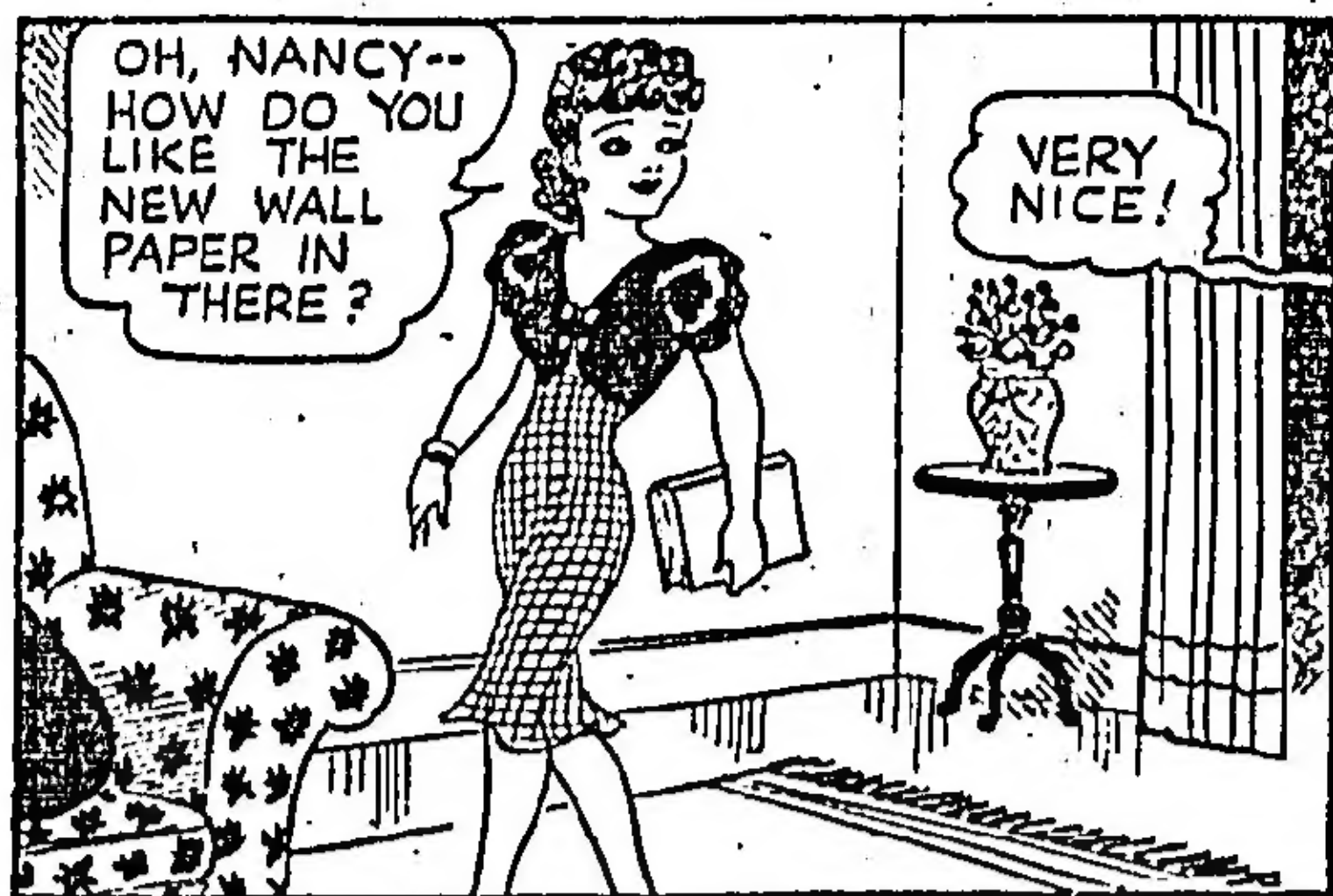
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Assistance In Finland Blockade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Germany is now assisting in the Russian blockade of Finland. It is confirmed in London that the Nazi Government is making use of Germany's strategic position to prevent essential war supplies from sympathetic countries from reaching Finland.

Germany is openly proclaiming that she is holding up orders placed in neutral countries before the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Finland.

Germany came out openly on Russia's side shortly after it was announced in London that the British Government was granting British firms licences to export war materials to Finland.

U.S. Aids Finland
NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt told a Press conference that the American Red Cross is spending over \$500,000 for European relief, of which \$25,000 was sent to Finland and \$10,000 applied to purchase medicines in London for Finland.



Submarine, Holed, Could Not Submerge

ONE-GUN STEAMER BEAT THE U-BOAT

THE SPIRIT OF TRAFALGAR LIVES ON.

"England expects that every man will do his duty," was Nelson's signal 134 years ago. And as the great victory which that message preceded was being celebrated in London came news showing that the same spirit and pluck are still with us.

Two British merchantmen ploughing their way through the Atlantic hundreds of miles apart are attacked by U-boats. Each gives battle with its only means of defence—a single 4.7 inch gun—prepared to fight to the end.

After a running fight lasting several hours, one is sunk. The other cripples its attacker, sees it finished off by a destroyer which races to the scene.

Three hundred men, women, and children, passengers and crew of another British ship torpedoed in mid-Atlantic, crowd into the boats without panic—and join their rescue.

A dramatic story of how the 4,204-ton British tanker London Trader not only kept a U-boat at bay for seven hours, but damaged it so badly that it could not get away, was told by Antonio Cutajar, a Maltese seaman.

"We were on a voyage from Bristol to South America when, early one morning, the submarine attacked us," he said.

"We at once brought our only gun into action, and so efficiently was it handled by the gun crew—both ex-Navy men—that the U-boat was compelled to keep her distance.

"Shot For Shot"

"But there were times when she was still near enough for us to see clearly the members of her crew manning the gun against us.

"For hour after hour we exchanged shot for shot, but the U-boat hit us only once, when one of our lifeboats was smashed by a shell.

"Then our gun crew got in a shot which holed the submarine below the waterline.

"This meant that she could not submerge again, as she had done so

often during the time she had been fighting and following us.

"Then, at about half-past two in the afternoon, a destroyer appeared on the horizon in answer to our signals and we knew that the U-boat was done for.

"The submarine crew tried to put up something of a fight against the warship by gunfire, but it was hopeless and very soon she was sent to the bottom.

"The crew were saved by the warship."

14, But Wasn't Scared

Equally thrilling was the story of the one-sided battle between the 5,000-ton West Hartlepool cargo boat Heronspool and the U-boat which torpedoed her after a running fight lasting several hours.

Frank Elders, the Heronspool's messboy, who told the story when the crew of 30 were landed in New York recently from the American liner President Harding, which rescued them, is only 14—but he wasn't scared.

"I was far too excited," he said. "We couldn't see the U-boat in the dark, but we started to dodge and zig-zag about.

"This went on for some time, and then the U-boat suddenly appeared quite close to us—so close I could see the officers smoking in the conning-tower.

"Signalling with lights, she told us to 'Heave-to.'

"Our answer was a shot. The U-boat then fired once across our bows, but we kept on trying to escape.

"For hours we dodged about, and we were beginning to think we had beaten her when there was a tremendous explosion—the U-boat had hit us with a torpedo.

"We took to the boats. Ours leaked badly all night, and we couldn't have lasted much longer."

Kept On Singing

When the survivors of the British steamer Yorkshire (10,183 tons) were landed at Bordeaux recently from the American liner Independence Hall, they were still singing.

As the crowded rescue steamer was warped into the pier, the survivors crowded the rails cheering, and singing "God Save the King," and—as a tribute to their rescuers—"The Star-spangled Banner."

Altogether 300 survivors were landed, including members of the crew of the British steamer City of Mandalay, which was sunk at the same time.

Nearly 70 people are missing from the two ships.

Most pathetic among the survivors were Hazel Armstrong, aged six, and her brother, Kenneth, aged seven, who lost both their father and mother in the disaster. Also rescued was a four-year-old baby, Margaret Cole, whose mother is among the missing.

A Mr. Clements, a British subject, was buried at sea before the Independence Hall made port. Mrs. Clements is among the survivors.

(Messages from Sunday Dispatch Correspondents, B.U.P., Exchange, and Reuters).

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,330 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £.82½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £.84½ n.
Chartered £.....5 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....20½ n.
Mercantile, C. & £.....11½ n.
East Asia \$.....72 b.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....220 n.
Union \$.....400 sa.
China Underwriter \$.....1¼ n.
H.K. Fire \$.....100 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$.....71¼ b.
Steamboats \$.....11 n.
Indo-China P.S. \$.....80 b.
Indo-China D.S. \$.....50 b.
Shells (Bearers) s/-.....70/4½ n.
Waterboats \$.....8.10 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....101¼ n.
Docks \$.....\$10.20 sa.
Providents \$.....4.40 b.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....10.80 sa.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....105 n.

Mining

Kallan s/-.....17 n.
Raubs \$.....10.50 sa.
Venz. Gold \$.....4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....4 cts. n.

LANDS

H.K. Lands \$.....4.00 a.
Lands \$.....33¼ b.
Lands 4% Deb. \$.....100 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....10.40 n.
Humphreys \$.....7¼ b.

CHINA CURRENCY

FUTURE OF DOLLAR

Depends On War, Says Shanghai Journal

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13, (Reuter).—The factors likely to influence the future of the Chinese national dollar are weighed by the "Finance and Commerce," the leading financial weekly, which feels that the fate of the currency depends on whether or not peace returns to the Far East in the near future.

After referring to the recent heavy purchases of foreign exchange in the Shanghai market to cover the large imports of cotton and rice, the paper adds:

"Commodity prices everywhere are rising and China has to continue to make essential purchases. Not only is she forced to purchase far more heavily in certain directions than she would in normal circumstances, but has to pay twice the number of dollars which it would have been necessary six months ago and four times the number which would have been required less than two years ago.

There lies the weakness.

"Tremendous pressure on the whole economy of the country is suffering through the tremendous pressure on its attenuated purchasing power and unless there is some change for the better, it is only a question of time before a further collapse is witnessed.

"Those who take the long-term view and prophesy a further weakening of the exchange rates are probably right in their forecast, if it is just taken for granted that there is no hope of peace.

"On the other hand, the position is such that should peace come in the comparatively near future, there will be an immediate possibility of a spectacular improvement.

"China" even now, is supplying foreign markets with gradually increasing quantities of a few native products, which are urgently needed and for which good prices are being paid.

"But it is a constant struggle to get them over the many obstacles which block their way to the coast. If those obstacles were suddenly removed, an impetus would be given to export trade which would make its beneficial effect felt in practically all directions."

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Chinese Estates \$.....100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....16½ b.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 sa.
Star Ferries \$......60 b.
Y. Ferries \$......23½ b.
China Lights (old) \$.....8.00 b.
China Lights (new) \$.....4.75 b.
H.K. Electric \$.....52 b. & sa.
Maeco Electric \$.....18½ n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....11½ b.
Telephones (old) \$.....24¼ b.
Telephone (new) \$.....8.00 b.
Tractions s/-.....18/3 n.
Tractions (H.K.) \$.....18/5 n.

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Canton Ices \$......1 n.
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H.K. Ropes \$.....5.50 b.

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Dairy Farms (new) \$.....10¼ b.
Watson \$.....8.00 b.
Lane, Crawford \$.....7¼ n.
Sinceres \$.....1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$......41 n.
Fowell, Ltd. \$......1 n.

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Zoong Sing, Sh. \$......42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$.....48¼ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$.....6.50 b.
Constructions (old) \$.....1.75 b.
Constructions (new) \$......1 n.
Vibro Filling \$......8¼ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$......47½ n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$.....100 n.
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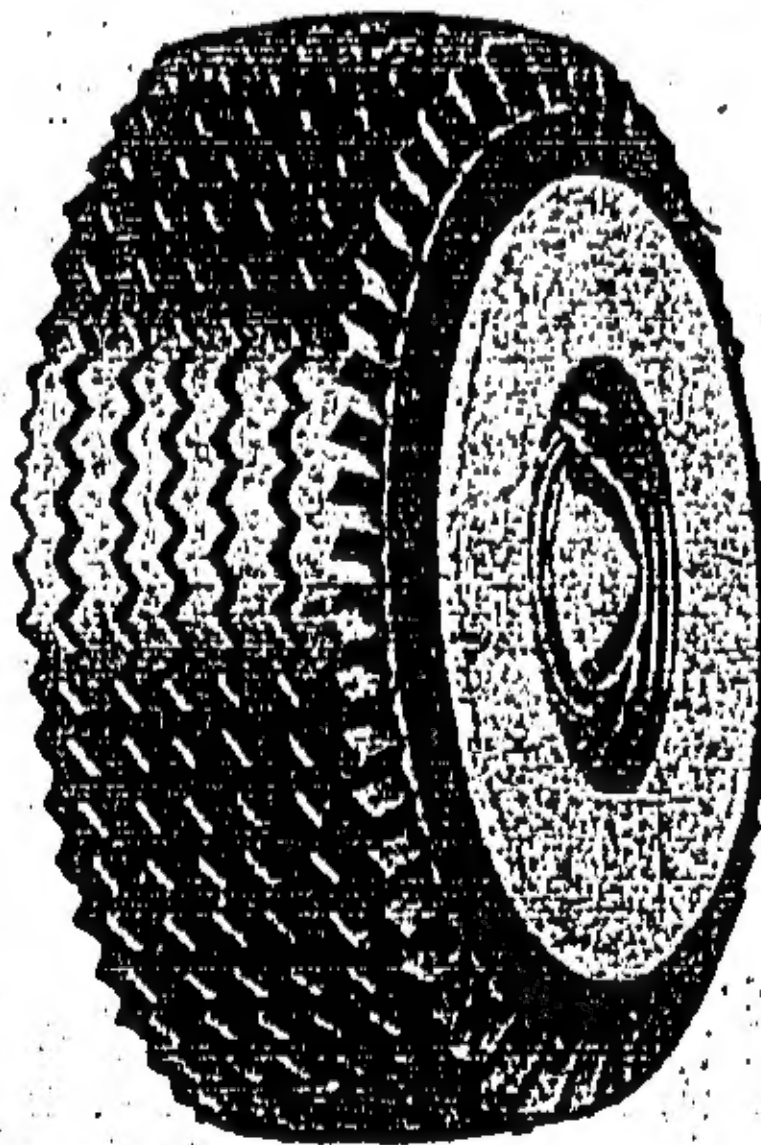
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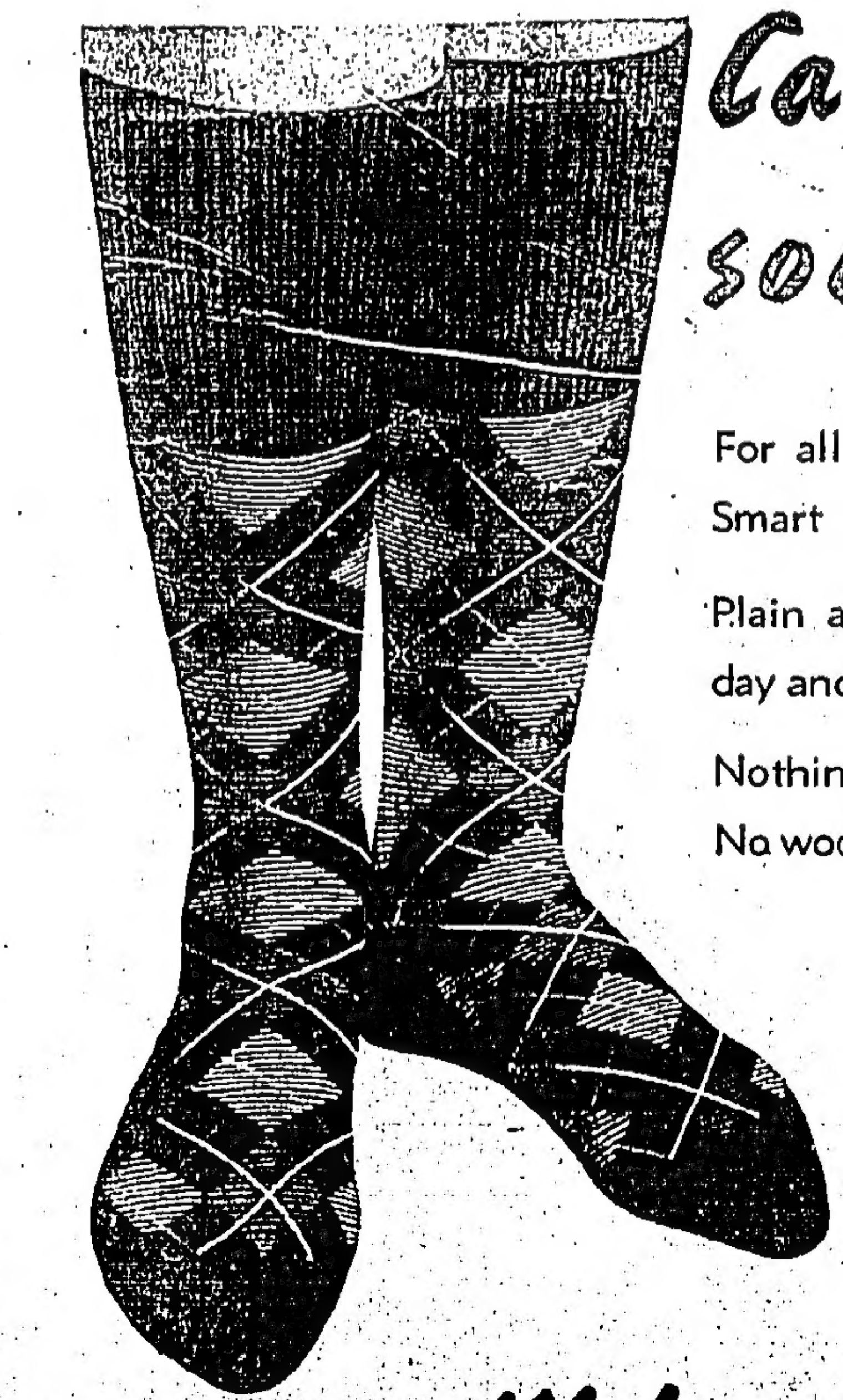
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Art Exhibition Is Oasis In H.K.'s Arid Desert

By TRUDA PANET

A MONTH seldom passes without our reading a letter in the local press pointing out the lack of artistic effort and appreciation manifested in this colony.

So, as we are all by now conscious of our failings, all the more can we rejoice when an oasis in the arid desert of our amateurishness appears on our horizon.

On all too rare occasions do we hear good music here. Even rarer are our opportunities of seeing the work of a real painter in Hongkong.

A visit to Ernie Freedlander's exhibition, now on in the Cathedral Hall, is a happy hour one's longing for the contemporary culture of the West. This artist is a thinker and her genius permits her to express her thoughts in a way that gives us, her fortunate public, a great and lasting pleasure.

The collection of monotypes at present on show is Ernie Freedlander's most recent work. In colour these examples are fuller and deeper than those seen in her previous exhibitions. Her colours express the spirit of the scene she paints, express form, express the mood of the painter and make a harmonious whole at once as subtle as it is rich.

This painter is so sure of what she wants to say that she can set it down uninterrupted by any superfluous detail. The harmony of design and form is as pleasing and satisfying as the harmony of colour and line. It is this sureness of touch and individuality of treatment and outlook that gives this exhibition the liveliness and vitality missing in countless paintings seen in Europe and America to-day.

Some of the work of Mrs. Freedlander's pupils is also on view. As one of those pupils, I can particularly appreciate this section of the exhibition. At those too frequent moments when one wonders why one ever dared to hold a brush, my teacher inspires me to fresh efforts and the help I have gained under her sympathetic encouragement is an inspiration for all my painting days to come.

The exhibition at the Cathedral Hall is to be open till 6 o'clock to-day and on December 16 and 17 in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon.

No one who is able to enjoy a real aesthetic delight should miss this opportunity of seeing the work of a sincere, intelligent artist.

Insidious Propaganda

Nazis Active In Balkans

Practice Bribery And Corruption

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A description of Nazi propaganda in South-East Europe is given by a Balkan correspondent of the "Times."

This propaganda, he writes, operates on a large scale. Large numbers of Nazi-financed newspapers are to be found in the Danubian and Balkan countries, and these papers, although they have many circulation and poor advertising, miraculously manage to put up large buildings and purchase expensive printing equipment.

There are over 60 of them. Although the German Travel Agency in that area is not a busy place, it employs some 600 people.

Newspapers Bribed

Influence is brought to bear on the other sections of the Press, and even bribery is being resorted to in an attempt to get positions in papers for news favourable to Germany.

The dissemination of propaganda through the post is widely used. During the Polish campaign, mysterious post-cards arrived in Rumania telling of the "victories" of the Allied entry into the war and denying the bombing of open towns.

False Rumours

Bucharest cafes are happy hunting grounds for what appears to be a vast organisation engaged solely in spreading false rumours. German diplomatic circles are busy in the same manner.

The Nazi Legation loses no opportunity to make violent protests against most anti-Nazi incidents on the pretext that such incidents threaten the country's neutrality.

FRENCH ENVOY MEETS NOMURA

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (Domei).—The French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry, was received by the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, at the latter's official residence at 5.15 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The nature of their conversations was not divulged, but it was understood that the French Ambassador explained the circumstances surrounding the alleged supply of war materials and other goods to China through Indo-China.

Information regarding the Euro-Robbery situation was understood to have been exchanged on the occasion.

BRITAIN'S TASK

Mr. Eden Emphasises Its Immensity

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Nothing could be more foolish than to underestimate the task that Britain has undertaken, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Secretary for the Dominions, addressing the Canadian Club at a luncheon in London.

Mr. Eden added: "I don't believe that at any time in history we have had more serious difficulties to overcome, but if that is true, it is no less true that in the unity of the nations of the British Commonwealth is the final guarantee of victory."

British Empire's Might LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, speaking during a visit to the munition works, said that at no time had the might of the British Empire been greater or its fighting forces better and more adequately equipped.

From September 3 to December 5, the Ministry had placed new orders amounting to £200,000,000. Britain now had the most powerful air force in the world.

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Although Christmas and New Year Greeting telegrams will not be accepted this year, Messrs. Cable and Wireless Ltd. normally provide, in the GLT Service introduced this year, an all-the-year-round service equally cheap.

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Army Tightens Control Of Secrets

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (Domei).—In a move to tighten the control of military secrets in war time, the Japanese War Office on Tuesday promulgated in the Official Gazette a set of new regulations relating to the enforcement of the Military Secrets Protection Act, effective immediately.

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12.30 Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Barnabas Von Gecey and His Orchestra. Serenade (Gecy), Serenade ("Les Millions d'Arlequin"), Drigo, Barnabas Von Gecey. Only For You, Herbert E. Groh. The Wind Has Told Me A Story, Kiss, Serenade (De Michel), Barnabas Von Gecey. Love Song (Bece-Knorr), All I Do Is For Love Of You, Herbert E. Groh. Fresh Breezes (Borchert), In Merry Mood (Haringer), Barnabas Von Gecey.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience."

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Lanny Ross, Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Ross, borough, Greta Keller, and Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra. "Wake Up and Live" Selection, "The Big Parade" Selection, "In The Mood For Love" Selection, "The Moon," "Parla Honey-moon" Selection, "Magyar Melody" Selection, "Would You Take My Heart, Banjo On My Knee" Selection, "Champagne Waltz" Selection.

2.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

2.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.02 B.B.C. Recording "Music Hall Memories." A Chat by George.

2.12 Old Favourites from Musical Comedies.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1889. The time is rapidly approaching when salute firing, like kettling, flogging and all other such-like obsolete relics of the dust-heap of oblivion. And that time cannot arrive too soon. The only marvel in connection with this ridiculous and childish practice is that no sensible Chancellor of the Exchequer has ever put his foot down firmly, and asked the House of Commons to assist him in doing away with a foolish waste of public money, for which there is no necessity and which cannot be justified on any reasonable grounds.

Count von Waldersee is of the opinion that the route to France through Switzerland is not only the solely available one, but that it presents no difficulties worth mentioning in the face of the overwhelming force with which Germany can undertake it.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1914. The Victoria Cross has been awarded to two Indian soldiers.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1929. On Saturday next the Philharmonic Society are producing "The Gelsina." Whatever criticism may have been made as to their choice of this musical comedy, the Society have sufficient reasons for selecting it in preference to others.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 12, 1934. Mr. Anthony Eden, representing Great Britain, Baron Aloisi, of Italy, and M. Laval, Foreign Minister of France, have just returned from a conference in Geneva, to accept a compromise solution of the Balkan trouble. Hungary will thus be invited to continue to invest in the alleged terrorist activities within her borders.

The League of Nations Council met at 10.45 a.m. and unanimously approved the compromise arrangement reached between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary.

Quoted as saying that Japan was ready to commit national suicide, if it was necessary in the following of her plan for establishing peace in the Far East, and that she would even fight Great Britain and United States if they did not, Mr. Saito, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, later declared that he had been incorrectly reported.

Questioned by Reuter later, he said he had meant to point out that Britain and the United States would eventually accept the Japanese policy, but if they did not, and forcibly attempted to overthrow Japan from her course, then Japan would be forced to fight.

"Japan," said Mr. Saito, "does not desire to become an imperialistic nation. We have no idea of becoming the oppressor, in any conflict."

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, today announced in the House of Commons that in addition to Britain and Italy, both the Netherlands and Swedish Governments had now accepted the invitation of the League of Nations Council to send contingents to the Saar before Christmas.

Colonel Clifford, British Commissioner of the Anglo-Abyssinian Grazing Commission and his Abyssinian colleagues on that body have withdrawn since a recent frontier incident between Italians and Ethiopians.

Instructions have been sent to Colonel Clifford that as the work of the Commission cannot proceed in view of recent incidents, he should return to British Somaliland. It has been suggested that the authorities concerned should be taken as quickly as possible with regard to the demarcation of the frontier.

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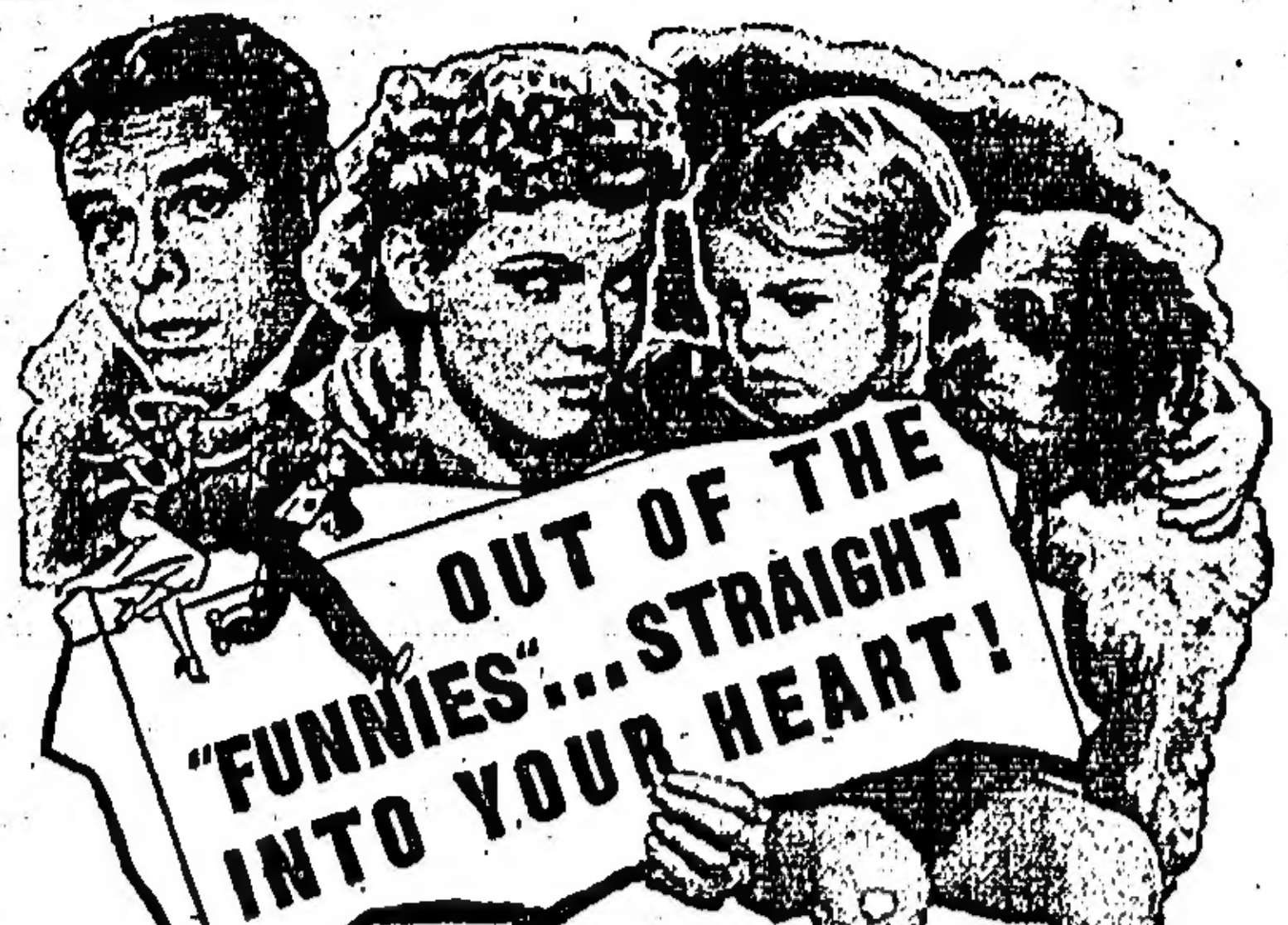
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Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall has received from an English resident and his wife, who desire to be anonymous, a cheque for \$766 for the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. The sum is the amount of the Society's deficit last year. Sir Robert has replied to the contributor, expressing his warmest thanks, and adding that he can conceive of no better means of calling the attention of the public to the needs of the Society than this fine lead.

LATE NEWS

MAN RE-ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

After Discharge By Magistrate

The Police took an unusual course this morning of re-arresting Hui Fuk-sing, formerly cook on the s.s. Seistan, on a charge of murder, after the same charge had earlier been dismissed.

The alleged murder occurred outside the Douglas Wharf on October 30, when Pun Yau-sze was stabbed to death.

Hui Fuk-sing was arrested and appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy on a charge of murder. He was, however, discharged on Saturday as the Magistrate considered that a jury could not convict on the evidence.

Hui was re-arrested and brought before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In bringing the case forward, Mr. Shattain said: "Defendant was re-arrested and re-charged with the knowledge and consent of the Attorney General on a charge for which he was discharged by Mr. Edwards on Saturday. The Police take the view that Pun Yau-sze is dead as a result of a stab wound inflicted by defendant under circumstances which

are not held to be justifiable homicide. On these grounds we have taken the unusual course of re-arresting defendant so that he may be tried before another Magistrate."

"Mr. Abbott, who prosecuted in the case before Mr. Edwards, will again take up the prosecution before another Magistrate."

A formal remand of one week was made, the date to be fixed later.

Royal Family At Windsor Funeral

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The King and Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and other members of the Royal Family, to-day attended the funeral of Princess Louise, who was buried at St. George's Chapel at Windsor.

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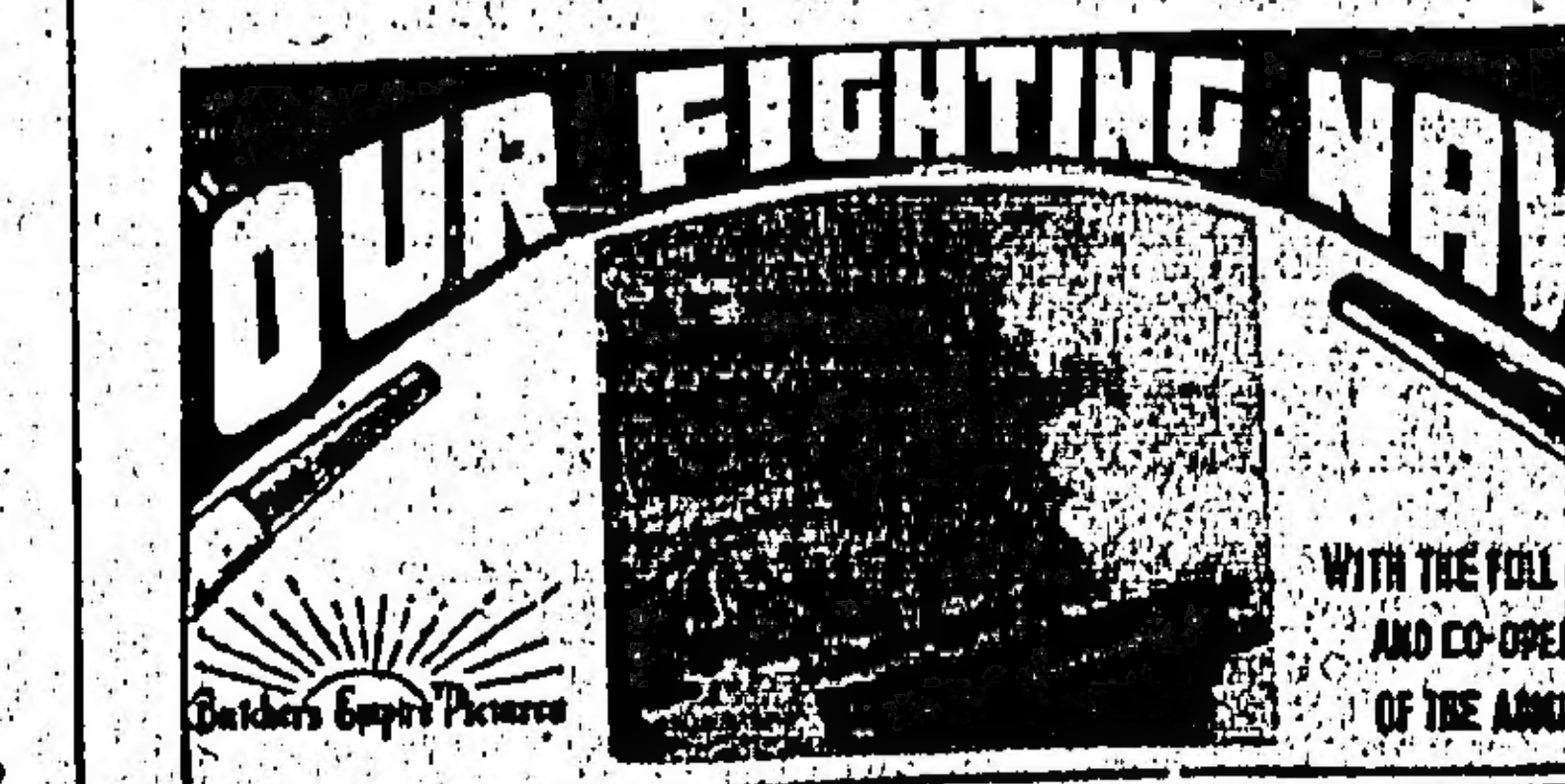
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